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Jocelyn Millikin, who is pictured being held by her parents, was born on Jan. 1 at 9:19 a.m. She is the first child of J.C. and Toni Millikin of Grayling. Weighing seven pounds and at 19.5 inches tall, Jocelyn was officially the first baby born in the new year at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Supreme Court to hear court funding issues

The Michigan Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving the funding of benefits for the 46th Trial Court.

In a court order issued on Dec. 28, the Michigan Supreme Court agreed to address a lawsuit that the 46th Circuit Trial Court filed against Crawford and Kalkaska Counties. The 46th Trial Court covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

In an opinion issued in May, 2005, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Kolenda's ruling which said that Crawford and Kalkaska Counties had to fund retirement health care and pension benefits for 46th Trial Court employees.

Following a six day-trial in the summer of 2003, Kolenda ruled that the benefits were necessary and a reasonable costs to fund the unified court.

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties disputed the benefits because officials said it would place unfunded liability on the counties.

Kolenda ruled that resolu-

tions passed by the county boards formed a valid contract with the trial court despite attempts to reverse the action by Crawford and Kalkaska County Commissioners.

Issues that the Supreme Court justices agreed to address include:

- whether evidence supported the conclusion that the level of funding offered by the counties was insufficient to allow the court to fulfill its essential court functions.

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- whether Crawford County and or Kalkaska County entered into a contract with the 46th Trial Court to fund pension and health care benefits at a specific level.

Painting to raise awareness for endangered zebras

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling artist has put the plight of an African zebra in black and white in hopes of helping save the endangered animal.

"Against the Clock," A Run for the Grevy's zebra is the latest creation completed by Kim Diment of Grayling. The painting was done to raise awareness and generate funds for the endangered Grevy's zebra.

The Grevy's zebra is one of the largest wild horses on the planet and is known for its elaborate striped patterns and large, rounded ears.

Due to over hunting for its decorated hide and the loss of habitat, the population of Grevy's zebras shrunk by 70 percent in the 1970s and 1980s. Presently, there are approximately 3,000 Grevy's zebras left in the world today. The decline has slowed in recent years, and there are some areas in Kenya where an increase in number has been noted. About 20 percent of the Grevy's zebras live at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, a 62,000 acre wildlife refuge in Kenya.

Belinda Low, a researcher at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Continued on Page 3A

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

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Man killed in sled rollover accident

A 41-year-old Grayling man was killed in a snowmobile accident which occurred on New Years Day.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said the fatal snowmobile accident was discovered at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006 along North Down River Road near Stephan Bridge Road in Grayling Township.

The accident occurred sometime during the early morning hours after Milton Arthur Peterson left a friend's home. Peterson was riding his 1995 Skidoo snowmobile alone when he attempted to climb a steep ditch onto the shoulder of North Down River Road. The snowmobile rolled, pinning Peterson underneath the machine which was the position he was found in several hours later.

Peterson was wearing a helmet. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident, which remains under investigation.

Peterson was pronounced dead at the scene by the Crawford County Medical Examiners Office. Mobile Medical Response EMS assisted at the scene of the accident.

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Local ski season in full gear

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Whether you prefer downhill or cross country, Crawford County is the place to be for those who love to ski. This year's season started in late December and is just now getting into full swing. The Avalanche took the opportunity to interview some local businesses and resorts to see just how this season is shaping up.

"The trails are great right now," said Justin Andre, director of Grayling's iconic winter sports park, Hanson Hills. The resort currently has three downhill runs open, plus a tubing hill and miles of groomed cross country trails. More downhill trails are expected to open throughout the season.

"We have opened up our terrain park a little more," said Andre. For those who seek big air, the expanded Hanson Hills terrain park now includes larger jumps and ramps, plus a grinding rail for the true daredevils. Big air competitions are scheduled for later in the season.

"I think we're going to have a lot stronger season," said Andre. "Already, we're having increased membership from last year."

Andre noted that Hanson Hills is most popular among middle school aged kids and families.

"It's just a great learning area," said Andre. Positive reports are also being heard from the Skyline Ski & Country Club, where 10 out of 11 downhill runs are fully open and ready to be skied.

"We've got good snow, good

ski conditions," said resort owner Jerry Balmes. He noted that business has been a bit slow, likely because of misconceptions about the snow conditions.

"When you have rain downstate during the holidays people seem to think it's raining everywhere," said Balmes. Skyline's slopes are fully ready to be skied, even without the use of artificial snow machines.

"We're probably the best deal around," said Balmes. New for this season is a remodeled lodge which went through \$50,000 worth of renovations. The restaurant menu has also been updated for the winter season.

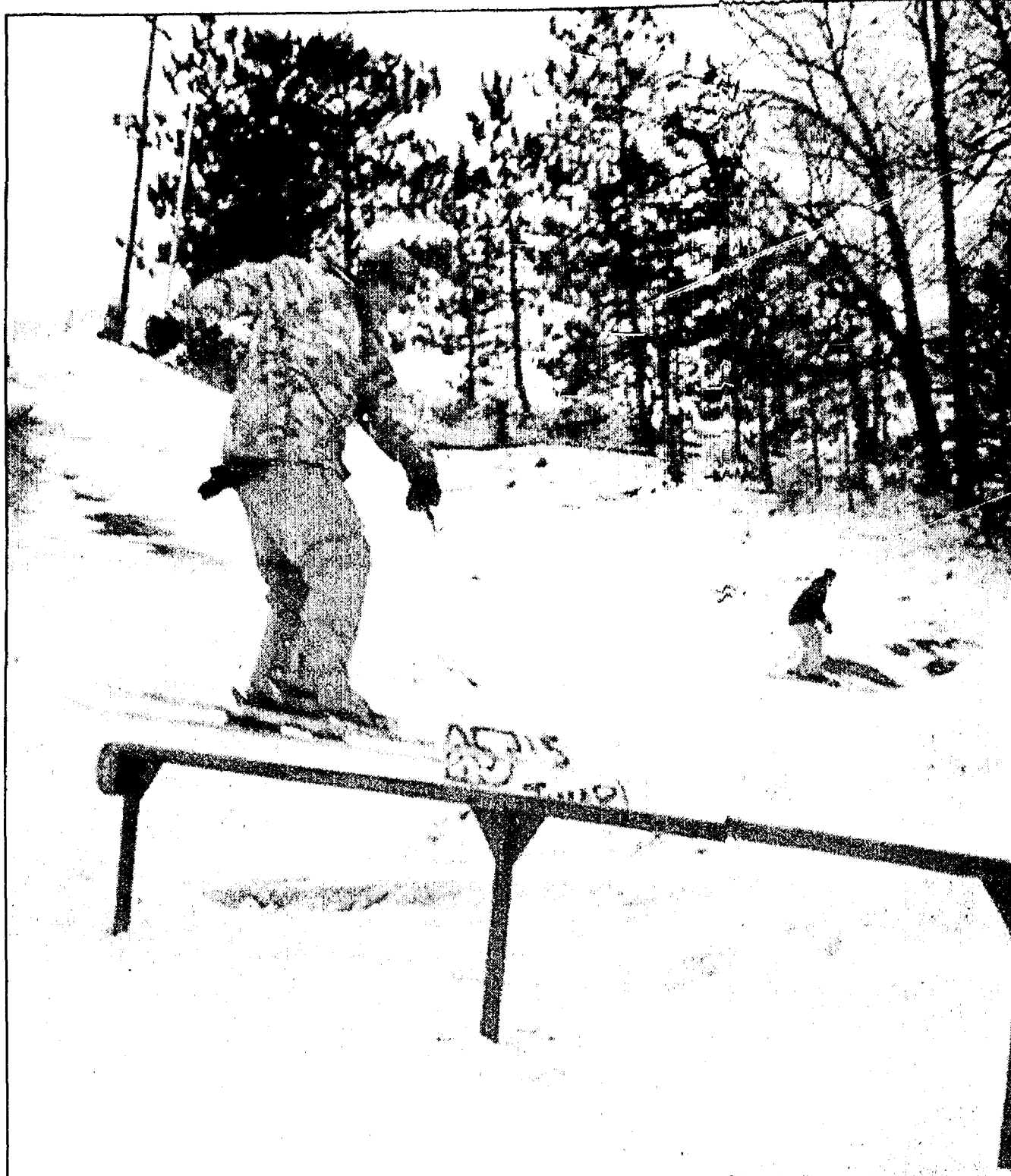
Skyline is also an excellent destination for snowmobile enthusiasts, as the state trails link up with a trail system maintained on resort property.

"They can ride right up to the parking lot," said Balmes. For those who prefer going the distance over quick bursts of adrenaline, there is even more good news coming from the local cross country scene.

"We've had great conditions so far," said Dick Fultz, a local cross country ski enthusiast and owner of the Cross Country Ski Shop. Fultz's shop has already seen a lot of business this season.

"If there's snow, there's really big interest in it," said Fultz. He noted that the most popular trails are at Hanson Hills and the area behind the Holiday Inn.

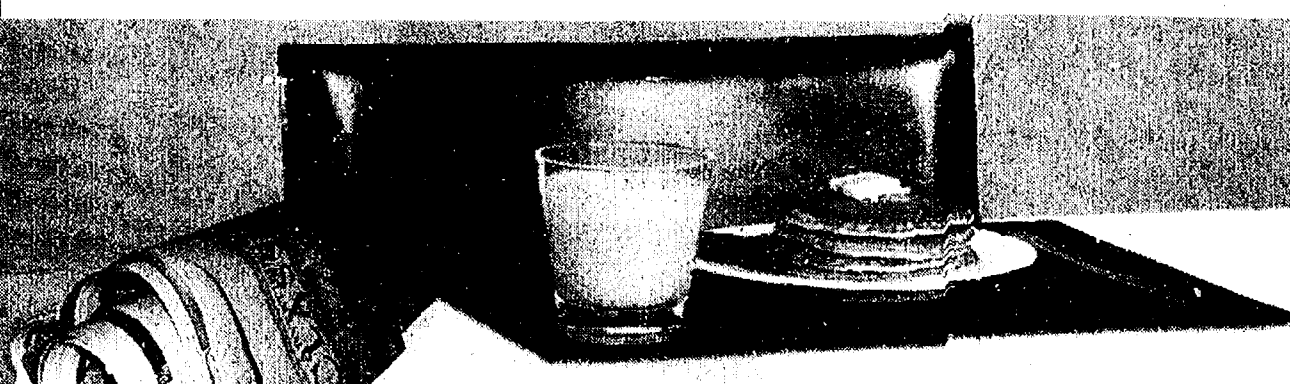
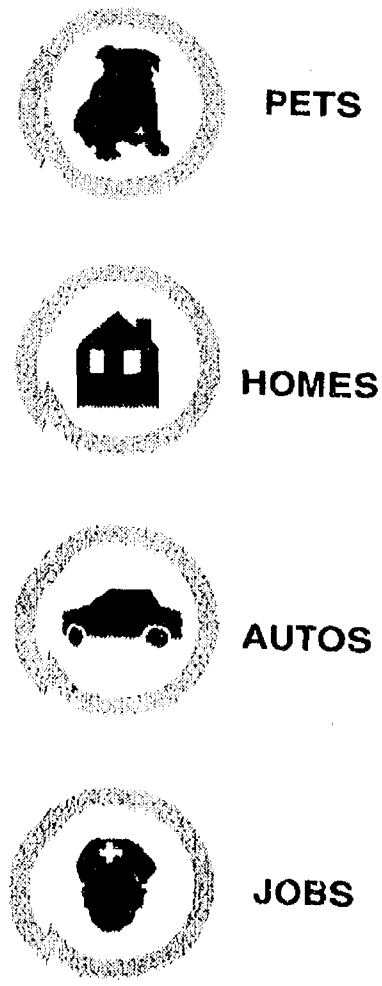
"January and February are always good ski months," said Fultz. "Whenever there's snow, you should be skiing."



Area skier Jon Handy catches some air at the newly expanded Terrain Park at Hanson Hills. Reports of ski conditions throughout the area are mostly positive.

Fultz offered a word of caution, however, for those who wish to attempt the more physically demanding sport of cross country skiing. "You actually have to exercise, so it's not as popular...you can't ski while smoking a pack of Marlboros."

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From left: Linda Golnick, Laurie Figley, Lynn Porritt-McConnell and Kay Cosgray are all past Athena Award winners who would like to see the program continue. "We're all very honored to be recipients," said Porritt-McConnell.

New funding needed for Athena Award program

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Since 1992, the Grayling Chamber of Commerce has been presenting the Athena Award to business professionals who have shown great dedication to assisting women in the professional environment as well as being an important asset to the overall community.

Unfortunately, due to recent changes in the Athena International fee structure, the Athena Award program in Crawford County is facing some challenging new hurdles.

"With those increases it's a burden on a small community," said Kay Cosgray, last year's award recipient. In the past, the Grayling Chamber fronted a \$100 fee to Athena International for the right to run the program.

Brad Scheer of Scheer Motors has been the primary business sponsor, paying for the marble and bronze sculpture that is presented to award recipients.

Starting in 2006, Athena International will be charging \$1,100 to any community that wishes to host the Athena Award program. Representatives from Athena International were unavailable for comment as this story went to press, but the \$1000 fee increase was likely implemented to cover the costs of recent program expansions on the worldwide scale.

"This award has worldwide

recognition and therefore we are showing the people that are making a difference in our community that we should be on a worldwide stage," said 2002 recipient Lynn Porritt-McConnell. The increased licensing fee does not take effect until the 2006 awards are handed out (which will happen in early 2007), so local officials only have a year to acquire the necessary funds for the program to continue.

The neighboring communities of Gaylord and Petoskey are already considering discontinuing the program in their districts. Yet, according to 2001 award recipient Laurie Figley, this is not a possibility in the Grayling area.

"We're not even considering that as an option," said Figley. This sentiment was echoed by her peers.

"We feel it's important that there be more recipients in our community," said Porritt-McConnell. Both agreed that the award program is an invaluable resource that has the potential to make a major positive impact on people's lives.

"For me, it's made me really try to step up to the plate and it's really made me feel an obligation to be a good business person and a positive influence on the community," said Figley. "I think it would be devastating for us to lose that."

Athena Award recipients are

determined by a panel of past recipients who review the strengths of the nominees. According to Athena International press material, judged criteria include "professional excellence, community service and actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills."

"Knowing that their hard work and effort has an opportunity to be recognized and rewarded is very important," said Porritt-McConnell. Local program supporters are calling for additional area businesses to help sponsor the program. With enough sponsors, the additional costs can be brought down to a manageable level.

Athena Award supporters emphasized that even small contributions will help. Any donations should be made through the Grayling Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors will be recognized at the award ceremony.

"The knowledge of the worldwide scene and putting Grayling in the worldwide community is important," said Porritt-McConnell. In the meantime, all nominations for potential 2005 recipients are due by Jan. 31, with the award ceremony taking place on Feb. 9 at the Holiday Inn.

"I think it gives people something to strive for," said Figley.

Painting to raise awareness for zebras

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has trained local Kenyans to assist with the ever-growing research and zebra conservation program at Lewa. Trained spotters who spend time out in the field record data on Grevy's zebras, especially the breeding females.

Along with census information, a record is also kept of the babies which females have had or haven't had and which heard they might be associating with. Spotters also keep information on predator kills and natural deaths. Low also travels aboard to educate people about the plight of the Grevy's zebras and to conduct fund-raising for her efforts.

Diment, who operates her artist studio, Fine Art and Animal, has traveled back and forth from Africa since 1992.

In 2001, Diment had three of her creations accepted into the international "Wildcat Art Show" juried by renowned African artist, Simon Combes. The connection allowed Diment to attend Combes' 2004 artist safari in Kenya, which included stops in several locations including the Lewa Downs Wildlife Conservancy. While at Lewa,

Diment learned that a group was seeking to have an artist create a painting of the Grevy's zebra. Diment met with Low, and the project began to take form.

In August, Diment traveled to Lewa conservancy for a seven-day trip. Her guide named Simberi helped her find zebras and make her way around the vast conservancy.

Diment did field sketches and took photos while she was on the trip. The voyage was bitterest, because Combes has been killed by a Cape buffalo prior to her trip. Diment said there was a rabid hyena, which had to be killed, while she was on her expedition, and she also encountered a pack of curious lions, but said the danger is minimal as long as she was with a guide.

"If you don't respect the animals over there you can get yourself into a world of hurt, but it is well worth the risk that you put yourself in," Diment said.

In November, Diment completed a painting and three black and white drawings of the Grevy's zebras.

It was the first time Diment had done a painting depicting a zebra.

"It was challenging, getting

the stripes right and getting the patterns right so it was convincing," she said.

The acrylic painting depicting six Grevy's zebras running in the field will be auctioned off in London later this year to raise funds for the Lewa conservancy's efforts. Copies of the painting will also be sold by Diment and the conservancy. Note cards of the pen and ink drawings will be sold at the Lewa Conservancy and some United States zoos.

"If I can do my part, raising awareness for the Grevy's zebras through my art along with getting a little publicity for the cause, that works really well for me and I feel good about what I'm doing," Diment said.

Diment, who was an art teacher in Standish and Alpena, moved to Grayling four years ago with her husband, Dr. Carl Schubert, an OB/GYN at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Diment grew up on the AuSable River in Oscoda. She has degrees in fine arts and zoology and said she began integrating love of art and animals at an early age.

"It's something that I love very much and it makes it easier to paint something that I like," she said.

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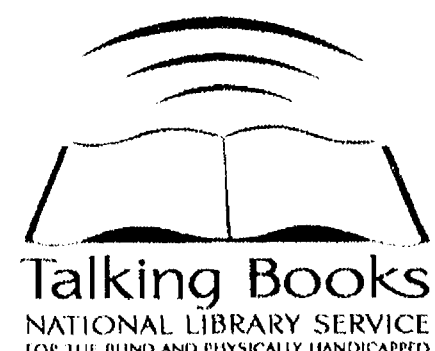
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

In review, some 2005 Almanack thoughts

WHAT BETTER way to begin a new year than to look back over the year just concluded. So for faithful readers of this column — both of them — here's a chance to ponder anew some of the wit, wisdom, whimsy or whatever that appeared in the Almanack in 2005.

On the importance of history: Americans seem to blank out almost everything that happened in the world before they reached adulthood. They consider history to have begun when they were born. It may seem that way to each of us, but it is not true.

On former Presidents Bush and Clinton and tsunami relief: According to all reports, the roaming ambassadors did themselves proud, created bushels of good will for the nation, and were a credit to themselves and to America.... Why must our national leaders be out of office before they set aside differences and cooperate in the interests of the public good?

On gas prices: Been to a gas pump lately? What's going on

with the price of gas at the pump? Meanwhile, with much fanfare, Congress investigates illegal muscle building in sports. Maybe instead of studying steroids, they should be tackling the octane problem.

On the legislature: Here's a key point to keep in mind: Although the public may not be happy with the legislature and want change, most voters also think their own legislators are okay and keep sending them back to Lansing.

On term limits: The solution to the whole lawmaking dilemma, in my view, is a part time legislature, with removal of the careerism long associated with state lawmaking: Do away with such things as large salaries, pensions, life-long health care, bulging staffs and offices, and other perks. I might even trade term limits for that scenario. Anybody have petitions going for those real reforms?

On population loss: Jobs are only part of the solution for Michigan growth. Michigan must provide not only good jobs but also good local schools, good universities,

good environment, good roads, realistic taxes, safe streets and attractive neighborhoods, inviting things to do besides work — the arts, good shopping, good libraries, sports and recreation opportunities in a word, all the other things that contribute to making wherever you are a good place to be. Only then will more people be inclined to seek out or remain in Michigan. The only other way to reverse our downward population trend is to find some way to substitute year around sunshine and warmth for Michigan weather. That seems to work for Arizona and Florida anyway.

On elections: All candidates think they can win. In an election with only two candidates on the ballot, one will be right. There's always a chance.

On computers and education: If the sole purpose of high school is to prepare young people to enter the work force, maybe there's some merit in the Bill Gates thesis that American high schools are obsolete. But in my view, that's only a small part of what high school is all about. High school

years probably are the most important period in anyone's personal development, too, as well as an introduction to broader horizons of life and living, including the tantalizing possibilities offered by further education. Despite Bill Gates, computers are not all that everything is about ... at least not yet. It will be a sad day when and if they become so.

On traffic congestion: Even if public transportation becomes easily available in traffic clogged areas, would the public use it and leave their cars at home? Probably not. Next time you're driving, notice how many cars carry only one person — the driver. We're a nation of individuals, and our auto heritage especially in Michigan encourages our singular personalities.

On income taxes: One theory behind the personal income tax is that when revenues fluctuate in relation to need, lawmakers can merely adjust the tax rate up or down to cover the shortage or reduce the surplus. Time has shown that's not as simple in practice as it may appear in planning.

On the military draft: What happens when we run out of soldiers to fight in Iraq, Afghanistan, or wherever else in combat zones created by our war against terrorism and in other international arenas? Unless we drastically change our country's international policies and tactics, and lessen the need for more and more boots on the ground, the answer seems obvious to me. It's the draft.

On "Operation Iraqi Freedom": When we have guys on the other side shooting at guys on our side and we're shooting back, and the other guys are trying to blow up our guys and anybody they think might be on our side, and we're all pursuing the trappings of armed combat, then that's war and that's what we are doing in Iraq. It may be less formalized, and the armed enemies trying to kill our soldiers may be more difficult to define, but it's still war. Fancier names will not change the facts.

On Veterans Day: Let us hope and pray that the number of new American military vet-

erans in the future will diminish rather than increase, and that our national day to honor those who have served their country by bearing military arms will stop growing in significance. Only lasting international peace, based on human dignity and equal justice, will fulfill such a vision. That should be America's consistent goal.

On protecting our freedoms: Every action of government at any level should be evaluated by how it squares with the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment to our original constitution, and not amended since adoption. The first steps away from freedom are tiny ones. These rights and freedoms arguably have proven to be the most significant part of our country's foundation. Those Founding Fathers knew what they were doing. Let's not screw it up now.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Paul Bunyan, Babe born in Oscoda, House insists

by Kristen Cain
Capitol News Service

Move over, Minnesota. Wave off, Washington. Clear out, California. Quit it, Quebec.

The man who is responsible for carving out the Great Lakes and the Grand Canyon finally received official recognition when the House passed a resolution making Oscoda the birthplace of larger-than-life Paul Bunyan and his blue ox, Babe.

However, it's not the oversized cradle and enormous baby bottles that Oscoda's claiming: It's the birth of Bunyan's tall tale that has become engrained in American storytelling.

Rep. Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch, the resolution's sponsor, said he hoped it would increase interest in and promote tourism for Northeast Michigan.

A community steeped in the

tradition of logging, Oscoda boasts a Paul Bunyan statue as well as a lumberman's memorial and murals depicting the industry. Its location between Alpena and Bay City on the AuSable River and Lake Huron made it an ideal place for logging.

Township Supervisor Rob Huebel III said the resolution will definitely encourage the community to take another look at adding more memorials.

"For a lot of folks here, it's always been something we've talked about," said Huebel. "We have officially laid claim to Paul Bunyan and we're very happy for that."

According to the resolution, the legend of Paul Bunyan was based on the extraordinary French-Canadian logger Fabian Fournier but it evolved into a compilation of characteristics from many lumberjacks.

The first printed version of

the legend was written by James MacGillivray and published in the Oscoda News in 1906, according to the resolution.

Naturally, the story has grown literarily and physically over nearly 200 years to include many different characters and adventures.

However, while the stories vary greatly depending on who's telling them, their collective value remains important, said Elizabeth Rich, an associate professor of English at Saginaw Valley State University.

Over the past several years, Rich has incorporated a folklore unit into her writing classes, teaching students how such

tales speak to the core values of a community and give groups a collective identity.

"It sets the basic stories that most people in contemporary literature draw from," she said. "Folklore really does live on."

Several other states, including California, Maine, Minnesota and Washington, along with Quebec, also lay claim as Bunyan's birthplace. Statues of Paul and Babe stand in many towns throughout the nation.

"A lot of people have studied Paul Bunyan," said LuAnne Kozma, curator of folk art at the Michigan State University Museum. "It's really hard to know where legends come from."

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BRIEFS

Sheriff to attend Lovells Township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Lovells Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to attend. The Sheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

Free dance classes with top instructors offered by Interlochen

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Dance faculty from Interlochen Center for the Arts will conduct open dance classes in seven locations throughout North America over the next two months. The classes—which will include ballet, pointe and modern technique—can also serve as auditions for admission to two of Interlochen's world-renowned educational programs: Interlochen Arts Camp and Interlochen Arts Academy.

The audition classes, for which no preregistration is necessary, will be held in January in Minneapolis, Chicago, Miami and Cincinnati as well as Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. February audition classes will be held in Seattle and also in Michigan. Michigan auditions will be held in Detroit on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Arts Academy in the Woods; and at Interlochen on Saturday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Interlochen Dance faculty will be on hand at this winter's class/audition sessions to answer questions and conduct the classes. Each year, Interlochen fills approximately 48 dance openings for each session of the summer Arts Camp and 40 for the high-school Arts Academy.

Interlochen Arts Academy, North America's premier arts boarding school, makes available \$5 million in financial aid each year. The school offers rigorous academic instruction on a 1,200-acre wooded campus in northwest lower Michigan. The Academy's Dance Division leads a ballet-based program, complemented by study in modern, jazz and

other contemporary dance styles, and mounts numerous fully-produced dance productions. The academic year runs from September through May.

North America's first and foremost summer arts program, Interlochen Arts Camp, provides both ballet and modern emphases in its Dance program. Campers can attend one or both of the three-week sessions offered. Serious and experienced dancers receive intense study and performance opportunities, and financial aid is available. Interlochen Arts Camp's 79th season runs June 24 through Aug. 7, 2006.

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For more information call 800-681-5912 or www.interlochen.org/dance.

Free flowering trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2006.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crab Apples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Rosebuds and two Kousa Dogwoods.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers - and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2006. Or go online to arborday.org.



Howard Wright is pictured here with his daughter, Judy, and wife, Regina. Wright's family and friends are banding together to help him combat his cancer.

Spaghetti dinner to benefit Vietnam War vet

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

In November, local Vietnam War veteran Howard "Butch" Wright was diagnosed with cancer in the kidneys and spine. Today, community members are banding together to get Wright the treatment that he needs.

"He doesn't have insurance, so we're trying to raise quite a little bit," said his aunt, Connie Wright. Howard Wright, who lives on North Down River Road with his wife and 10-year-old

daughter, qualifies for care from a veteran's hospital but doesn't have the financial resources to make regular trips to the facility.

"He's strictly depending on what the VA (Department of Veteran Affairs) can do for him," said Wright. According to Connie Wright, Howard recently lost his job as a direct consequence of his illness.

"It was really a devastating shock," said Wright. As of press time, Howard Wright has yet to undergo any kind of drug or radi-

ation therapy to combat his illness. In response, his family and friends are hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner in order to raise the funds that he needs in order to pursue treatment for his cancer.

The dinner will be held at the Eagles Club hall on Jan. 7 from 2-8 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti, rolls, tossed salad and dessert.

USDA Direct Single Family Housing loans available

Crawford County residents in need of a loan to either buy a home or repair their own, may qualify for help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA Rural Development can make owning a home affordable for low-income homebuyers. The direct loan program allows families and individuals to buy a home with no money down and affordable monthly payments.

To qualify for the program an applicant's adjusted gross income cannot exceed 80 percent of the median income for the county. In Crawford County, a family of four can qualify with an adjusted gross income of up to \$39,600. The applicant(s) must also demonstrate the ability to repay the loan.

The maximum amount an applicant can borrow in Crawford County is \$148,000. However, other than the maximum cost, there are a few restrictions on what type of home can be purchased. For example, a borrower can choose to purchase an existing home, a traditionally constructed new home or a manufactured home.

Homeowners with difficulty affording needed repairs may also be able to take advantage of Rural Development programs. Home repair loans are available up to \$20,000 with an interest rate of only one percent. Grants of up to \$7,500 may also be available for homeowners over age 62.

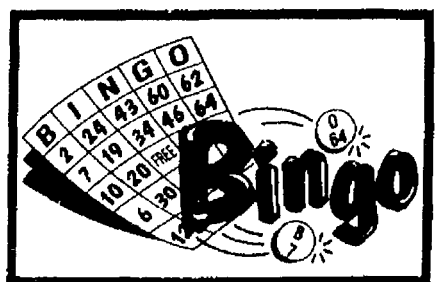
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Grayling Youth Booster Club

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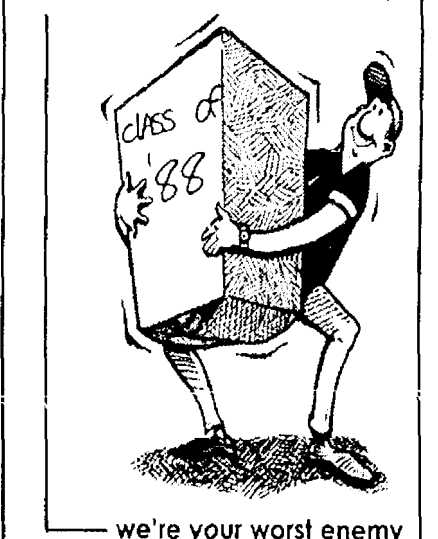
The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 1 of \$25 each: Dennis Wakeley, Sharon Johnson, and Dale Kirchhoff.



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Workforce Development Training Calendar 2005 - 2006

Computer Classes		
Course	Dates	Location
QuickBooks - Level 1	Nov. 22	West Branch
	Jan. 18	Gaylord
QuickBooks - Level 2	Nov. 29	West Branch
	Jan. 19	Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 1 & 2	May 16	West Branch
	June 13	Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 3 & 4	May 18	West Branch
	June 15	Gaylord
Downloading Digital Pictures to your Computer	Dec 7	Gaylord

Management and Leadership Classes		
Course	Dates	Location
Leadership Styles	Feb 9	West Branch
	Feb 7	Gaylord
Managing Conflict	April 4	West Branch
	April 6	Gaylord
Building Effective Work Teams	May 2	West Branch
	May 4	Gaylord

MIOSHA Safety Training		
Course	Dates	Location
Health Issues Relating to Construction	Jan. 18	Gaylord
Health Issues Relating to Health Care	Mar. 15	Gaylord
Industrial Hygiene for the Safety Professional	May 24 & 25	Gaylord

Job Skills Training		
Course	Dates	Location
EPA Refrigerant Certification	Feb. 17, 18	West Branch
	Mar. 17, 18	Gaylord
Builders' Estimating Class 1	Dec. 13	West Branch
	Dec. 19	Gaylord
Builders' Estimating Class 2	Mar. 7	West Branch
	Mar. 14	Gaylord
Electrical Code Update	Dec. 15	West Branch
	Dec. 20	Gaylord
	Mar. 9	West Branch
	Mar. 16	Gaylord
	Dec. 2&3	West Branch
	Dec. 6, 7, & 8	Gaylord

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Rose Mary Nelson, the military clothing sales store supervisor at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling, will be leaving Grayling later this month to serve in a similar capacity to support Operating Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Nelson to support troops overseas

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A woman known for providing exemplary service to the troops at Camp Grayling has volunteered to travel to Iraq.

Rose Mary Nelson, the military clothing sales store supervisor at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling, will be leaving Grayling later this month to serve in a similar capacity to support Operating Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Nelson, who is married to Wayne Nelson, a retired Air Force veteran, has been working at Post Exchanges, stores which provides services and merchandise to troops, for over four decades.

There are over 450 civilian associates who are employed through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service who operate post exchange facilities supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. That includes 62 exchanges, 65

phone centers and more than 100 name brand fast food operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait.

Nelson, 66, said she simply wants to give back to the troops since the military has supported her family over the years.

"Those troops are there for us and we need to support them," she said.

While not overly concerned about her safety since she will be on an enclosed military base, Nelson said she does have some concerns about dealing with harsh weather in the Middle East.

"It could be like Michigan weather - wait until tomorrow - it will be different," Nelson said.

Nelson has worked at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling since 1994.

In 1995, Nelson received the Legion of Merit medal from the Michigan Army National Guard for increasing the merchandise

and services available to the troops, extending store hours to accommodate troops in the field and dramatically reducing complaints at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling.

Nelson is involved with the Grayling Promotional Association, is a member at the Grayling Free Methodist Church, is a member of the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary Post #0106 and Grayling Women of the Moose Chapter #827.

Col. Tom Lamie, the deputy commander at Camp Grayling, said volunteers who work in the Post Exchanges provide critical morale support to the troops while they are deployed.

"It's a critical role in any operation," Lamie said.

Non-appropriated revenues earned through Post Exchange facilities are a supplemental source of funding for military morale, welfare and recreation programs.

Crawford County Resource Council to form

The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange has disbanded and is trying to form a Crawford County Resource Council.

The first meeting will be on Jan. 12, at the Holiday Inn, from noon to 1 p.m. This is a luncheon to discuss local community resource issues as well as a network opportunity for those who do resource referrals. Lunch will be available at each participant's expense. Meetings will be held quarterly unless the group decides to meet more often.

The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange has met all directives, some of the projects were: Crawford County Resource Guide, and the CARE Expo that

was offered to the community at no charge.

The purpose of the group was to establish criteria for information on resources in the community and how best to establish a network for referrals from agencies. The CARE group accomplished these objectives but

would like all agencies, or departments who would like to share information to serve the public in Crawford County to attend our Crawford County Resource Council.

For more information contact Diane Campbell at DHS 348-7691.

Grayling man killed in M-72 car crash

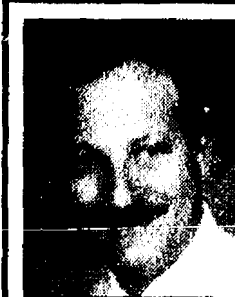
A 73-year-old Grayling man was killed in an accident last week.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a two vehicle accident which occurred at the intersection of M-18 (McMaster's Bridge Road) and M-72 in South Branch Township at 5:33 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Glen John Bedell of Grayling was fatally injured in the accident which involved a semi-truck.

The accident remains under investigation by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, a Michigan State Police Accident Investigator and the Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division.

The South Branch Township Fire and EMS Mobile Medical Response EMS assisted at the scene.



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EPA: Children need safe distance from chemicals

by Amy Payne
Capitol News Service

Pesticides and cleansers may do a great job of killing unwanted bugs and germs, but some experts say they can also do great harm to people, especially children.

The effects of acute exposure to pesticides — that is, actually ingesting it in a substantial dosage — can range from shortness of breath and vomiting to coma and death. That's why the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urges parents to keep pesticides and cleansers in locked cabinets at least four feet off the ground, out of the reach of children.

Nearly half of American homes don't follow this directive, at least not completely, the EPA said.

To help people appreciate the levels of toxins in their homes, the Ecology Center, an environmental advocacy group centered in Ann Arbor, conducted a study

of chemicals that settle into household dust. Ten residents of Detroit, West Bloomfield, East Lansing, Traverse City, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor vacuumed their houses and shipped the filled bags to a national testing lab. All 10 samples tested positive for significant levels of pesticide, household cleansers and other chemicals linked to reproductive problems, birth defects and breast cancer.

But the toxins in pesticides and other household chemicals can be dangerous even when they're out of the reach of children.

"There're a lot of things that children are exposed to in-utero and in the first few years of their lives," said Lana Pollack, president of the Michigan Environmental Council, a coalition of environmental groups.

The EPA sets "safe" levels of chemicals that people are exposed to every day. But it's hard to imagine what a micro-

gram of some difficult-to-pronounce chemical even looks like, let alone the kind of impact it has on people.

The EPA says children are more susceptible to harmful chemicals in pesticides and cleansers because their immune systems aren't as strong as those in adults. Also, children are more likely to play on the floor or on the lawn, where such products are the most concentrated.

Mitch Irwin, the new director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, said his department tries to respond to any complaints about side effects of chemicals, "even if they're complaints about a rash."

The Agriculture Department has a responsibility to protect consumers from harmful products.

"Sometimes products are pulled off the shelves," Irwin said. "It's happened before, and it'll happen again."

Meningitis may be added to health memos for parents

by Brandon Bennett
Capitol News Service

As cold and flu season arrives, new legislation will require schools to release information on another common disease — meningitis.

Public schools that send parents immunization and other health information would have to include information about meningococcal meningitis, including symptoms, how it's spread and prevention, under a new proposal.

"It's important to save children's lives," said Rep. Leslie Mortimer, R-Horton. "This disease kills hundreds each year, and 20 percent of those that survive suffer brain damage, amputations or stroke."

There are 3,000 cases of meningitis reported each year in the U.S. In Michigan there were

1,272 cases in 2003. Vaccination is usually recommended for high school students by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), but a new vaccine approved for children as young as 11 prompted the CDC to add middle school students to the list of vaccine recipients.

These students are in the age group where more outbreaks of meningitis occur, Mortimer said. "This would affect any school that gives out information about vaccines," she said. "At least for grades nine through 12, but hopefully for all grades."

Under the legislation, the Department of Education would be responsible for making the information available to schools and post it on its Web site.

Early symptoms of meningitis can lead to misdiagnosis,

Mortimer said.

"Early stages of the disease mimic the flu," she said. "Fever, stomach aches, body aches. The important thing to watch for is pin prick-like clusters as this signals blood poisoning. When this occurs there are just hours until death."

Meningitis outbreaks occur regularly, said Dr. Paul Farr of Grand Rapids, president of the Michigan State Medical Society.

"Every year there is a meningitis scare," he said. "A school will have a case, and it's a problem when a student gets it."

While it's a regular occurrence, Farr said that the disease is not a major concern for doctors.

"It's a stable problem," he said. "It's not a growing problem."

The bill has been referred to the Senate.

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Michigan Works centers funded

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and the Department of Labor and Economic Growth Director David Hollister announced \$8.6 million in federal funding to improve the job training and education provided to workers who have lost their jobs because of foreign competition.

The funding will go towards the operation of the Michigan Works Trade program, which provides training, and job search relocation assistance across the state. All 25 Michigan Works service centers will receive funding. The Northeast Michigan Consortium, which includes Crawford, Cheboygan, Otsego,

Oscoda, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Alcona and Alpena Counties, will receive \$11,160.

"We want to help those who have lost their jobs to quickly learn new skills so they can reenter our workforce," Granholm said. "Jobs aren't just paychecks; they are the glue that holds strong families and strong communities together."

Funding for the operation of the trade programs in the Michigan Works service centers is made available by the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance program, administered through the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

Kirtland highlights career opportunities in radiography

People interested in a career in radiography can learn more about the field during an informational meeting Thursday, Feb. 9, at Kirtland Community College.

John Skinner from Mid Michigan Community College will be available to explain the program and answer questions at 11 a.m. in Room 208 of the Instructional Center.

The radiography program is a collaborative program offered by Kirtland and MMCC. It is designed to prepare graduates to function as members of a health team in hospitals, clinics, gov-

ernment and military installations, industry and public health.

In addition to classroom instruction and laboratory practice, students receive on-the-job practical education at Grayling Mercy Hospital or West Branch Regional Medical Center.

This program leads to an associate in applied science degree. Karen Brown, Kirtland associate dean, advised that there are jobs available in the area awaiting graduates from the program.

For more information about radiography or any of Kirtland's health sciences programs, phone 989-275-5000, ext. 372.

Work of Kirtland faculty members gets national exposure

Kathy Fischer, a clinical instructor for the nursing program at Kirtland Community College, is co-author of a clinical research article published in the November/December 2005 issue of the "Journal of Obstetrical, Gynecological, and Neonatal Nursing."

The study is about provider support of spontaneous pushing during the second stage of labor, vs. the current practice among many practitioners of directing the women's pushing efforts by telling them when to push based on when the monitor indicated a contraction was beginning. The research found several positive results from letting women "listen to their bodies" on this issue.

Fischer is a certified nurse midwife who instructs/supervises Kirtland Community College Level II nursing students in their pediatric and obstetrical clinical rotation, and also works for Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She obtained her master's degree in nurse midwifery from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and has taught for Kirtland since 2002.

Kirtland instructor Dr. Judith Grenkowicz and Alan R. Swank recently presented a paper they co-authored entitled "Cultural Approach to Terrorism and the Organization: A Research Paper on Terrorism and its Effects on the Organization" at the annual convention for the Association for Global Business in Miami, Fla., Nov. 18. The paper will be published in the convention's proceedings.

The paper discusses four primary topics relating to terrorism, including its definition, the methods and motives terrorists use, a discussion concerning how an Islamic/Christian cultural clash exists, and terrorism's effect on the organization, including how the terrorist organization's fund-raising methods can present real hazards to legitimate organizations, including property loss and even death.

Swank teaches machine tool technology at the Michigan Career and Technical Institute near Plainwell.

Grenkowicz, of Alpena, is a full-time faculty member of Kirtland Community College, among other endeavors, teaching business, marketing and economics.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the weeks of Dec. 18 - Jan 1:

Three traffic accidents, five private property accidents, three traffic warnings, three misdemeanor citations, one OWI, three motorist assists, three traffic controls, eight assist other departments, eight disturbing the peace complaints, three larceny complaints, seven civil complaints, two alarm complaints, two domestic assault complaints, one juvenile complaint, two suspicious situations complaints, one city ordinance violation, five misdemeanor arrests and eight unclassified complaints.

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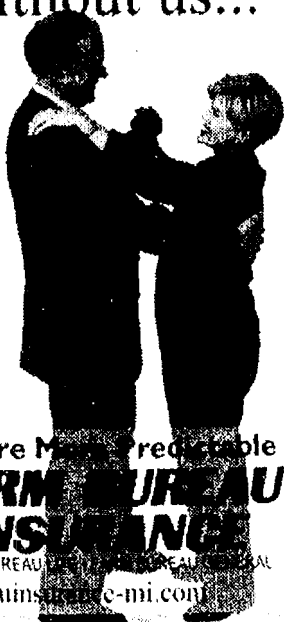
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87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for December 2005

Hon. John G. Hunter

Shawn Michael Kolka, age 25 of Bay City - Sentenced on Dec. 20, 2005 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

Stacie Elaine Ziebell, age 23 of Roscommon - Sentenced on

Dec. 13, 2005 for operating while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$795 in fines or serve 79 days in jail.

William Lloyd Snedden III, age 42 of Petoskey - Sentenced on Dec. 13, 2005 for operating while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Christopher Alan Brill, age 39 of Frederic - Sentenced on Dec. 13, 2005 for operating while visibly impaired; ordered to pay 445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Phillip Michael Mangiapane, age 37 of Richmond - Sentenced on Dec. 13, 2005 for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$825 in fines or serve 82 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Vicki Jo Redlawski, age 40 of Mt. Pleasant - Sentenced on Dec. 13, 2005 for operating while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$805 in fines or serve 80 days in jail.

Jamie Lynn Welch, age 29 of

Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 13, 2005 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$455 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

Mark Anthony Peever, age 45 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 27, 2005 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

Scott Anthony Rice, age 43 of Taylor - Sentenced on Dec. 20, 2005 for operating while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$365 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

William Garth Hollis, age 66 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 20, 2005 for careless driving; ordered to pay \$185 in fines or serve 18 days in jail.

Daniel Wayne Wilson, age 37 of Warren - Sentenced on Dec. 27, 2005 for operating without security; ordered to pay \$350 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Ashley Kathryn Lockwood,

age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 6, 2005 for person under 21-purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$460 in fines or serve 46 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico

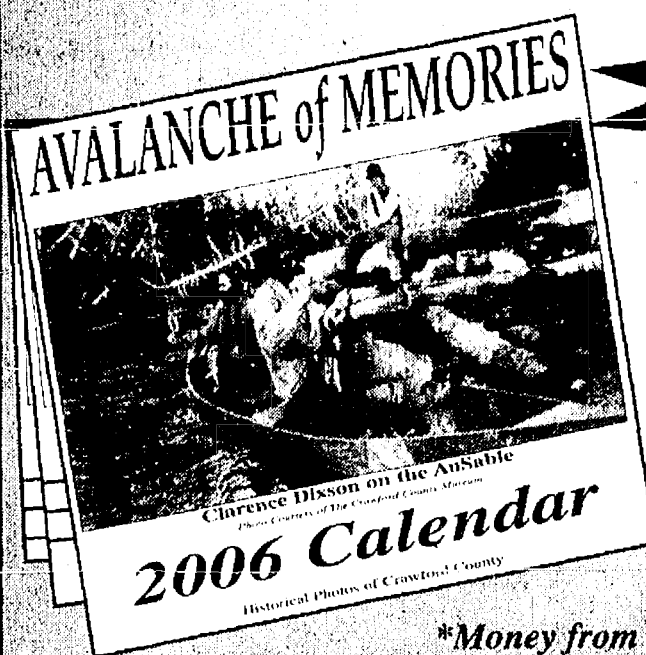
David Allen Miller, age 35 of Monroe - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2005 for ORV-operating while license suspended/revoked; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

Ronnie Lee Denno - age 39 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2005 for License suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

Mark Allen Turnbull, age 22 of Boyne Falls - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2005 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

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putes, 14 suspicious situations, one drug overdose, 13 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, one valid alarm, four false alarms, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two larcenies, one fraudulent activities, one damage to property, one obstruction to justice, six public peace/disorderlies,

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by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

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According to a USPS press release, the price hike is due to rising expenses, especially fuel costs.

The first 39 cents stamp of 2006 features an image of the Statue of Liberty superimposed against an American flag. The accompanying two-cent correctional stamp is a reprint of the 2004 stamp which depicts a silver and turquoise necklace from the Navajo culture.

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Jean A. Zelek graduated from Grand Valley State University on Dec. 8, 2005, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Physical Education (K-12) and a minor in Spanish.

Jean is the daughter of Mark and Debbie Zelek of Grayling and a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School.



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Week 17 Winning Games

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| 1. Pittsburgh | 10. West Virginia |
| 2. NC State | 11. LSU |
| 3. Tulsa | 12. Missouri |
| 4. TCU | 13. Jacksonville |
| 5. Florida | 14. Indianapolis |
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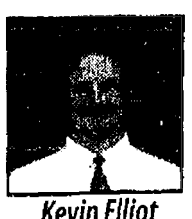
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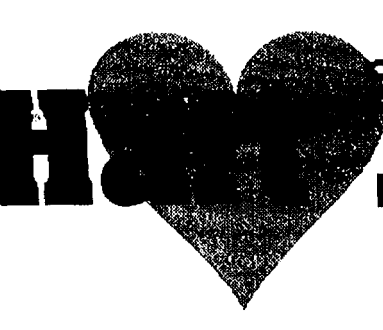


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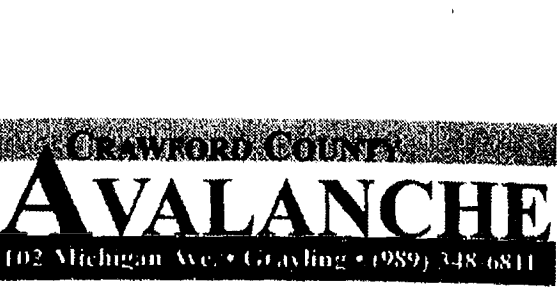
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From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche

2005: Year In Review

Happy New Year!

With 2005 at an end, the Crawford County Avalanche presents its annual Year In Review.

The Year In Review includes article summaries from stories featured in 2005 Crawford County Avalanche editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspaper edition date in which the story appeared. The 2005 Year In Review will be

published in two parts. This week's Crawford County Avalanche includes the months of January through June.

The months of July through December will be featured in next week's Crawford County Avalanche.

January

6th

- Grayling area resident Thomas Henry Stevenson died on December 31 of the previous year. His death, resulting from a hereditary disease called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, was grieved by his family, friends and the community at large.

- Weyerhaeuser donated \$1,000 to the City of Grayling to improve the ice rink behind city hall. The grant was issued partly in response to poor weather conditions which had reduced the rink to slush.

13th

- The newly elected Crawford County Board of Commissioners, headed by Chairman Dave Stephenson, decided that its first goals would be to address tight budgets, consider the restoration of the 24-hour road patrol and look into the relocation of the county building. Other board members included Terry Beardslee, Kathy Rogers, Scott Hanson, Mike Lange and Shelly Pinkelman.

- Local officials began the initiative to form the Community Action Plan, a program designed to separate the forest from the trees economically. The program was initiated in hopes of attracting federal funds designated to relieve rural communities which are dependent on the timber industry and are experiencing persisting poverty.

- The 1071st Maintenance Co.

out of Camp Grayling began preparation for deployment to Iraq. At the time, the company included about 40 men and women, including metal workers, machinists, crane operators, welders and specialized mechanics.

- Work began on removing the AuSable River Dam in response to safety concerns regarding the dam's stability. The project was also expected to improve the ecology of the surrounding AuSable ecosystem. The total project cost was \$385,000.

20th

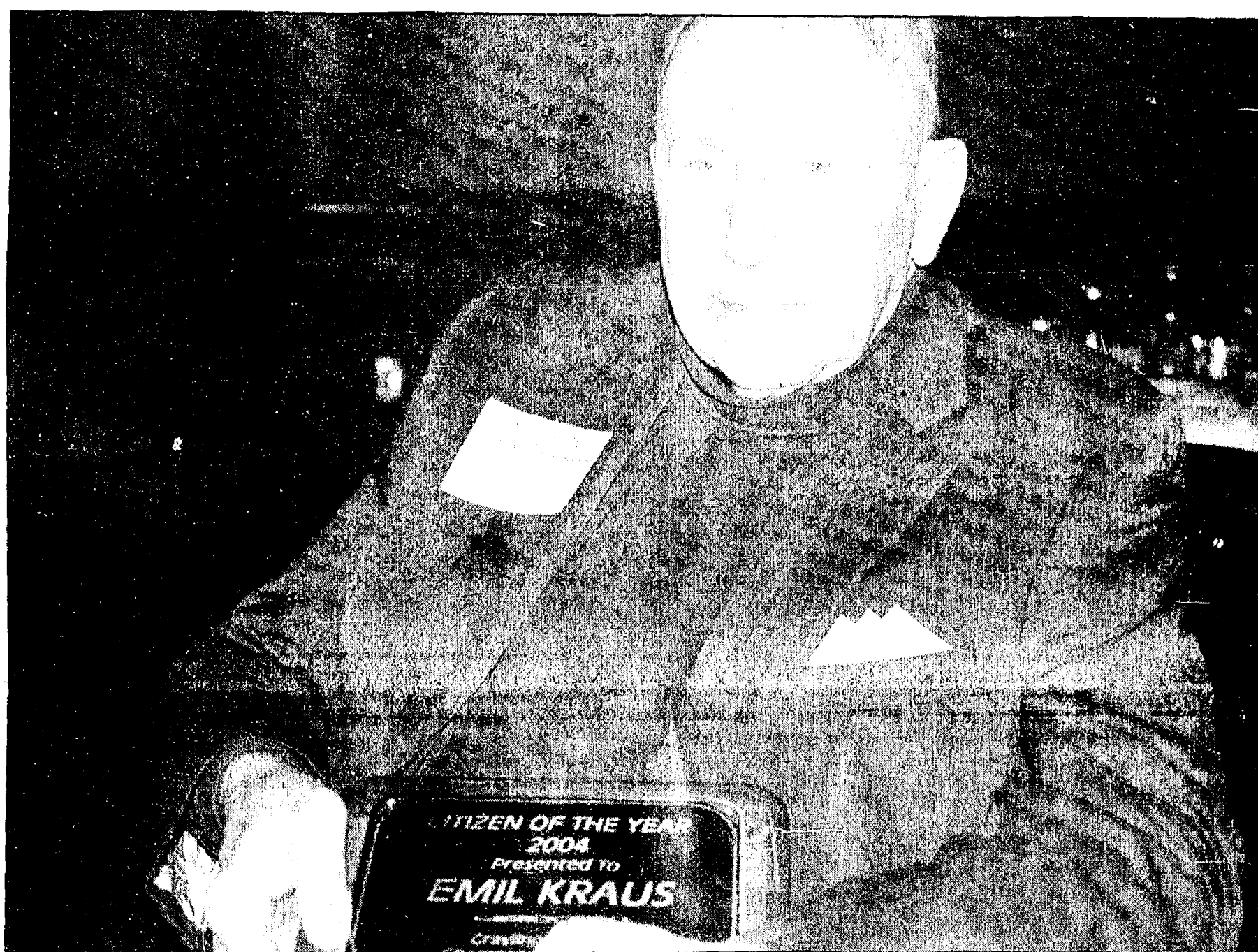
- The Grayling Township Board of Trustees approved a settlement of a federal lawsuit which allowed an adult video and novelty store to open in the community. Sanctions limited the store's ability to exhibit offensive material in any way that is visible from outside the store. "Fantasies Unlimited" opened at the end of the month.

- The city ice rink was opened for recreational use under the management of City Council Member Roger Mosier.

- The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) unveiled plans to promote economic development within the district. Plans included the redevelopment of vacant storefronts and extending Michigan Ave. to connect with M-72 West.

27th

- Emil Kraus was named



Emil Kraus is named 2004 Citizen of the Year (January 27 edition)

Citizen of the Year by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Kraus, who graduated from Grayling High School in 1934, made many contributions to the community over the years.

The Athena Award went to Kay Cosgray.

- A departure ceremony was held for the 1071st Maintenance Company on Jan. 30. The next day, the company shipped off to

be trained in Texas, followed by eventual deployment to Iraq. Area residents displayed yellow ribbons in honor of the departing soldiers.

- Community businesses

offered their input to DDA plans that had been unveiled earlier in the month. Forty people attended a forum in City Hall where the economic future of downtown Grayling was discussed.

February

3rd

- Hundreds of people attended a Departure Ceremony, bidding farewell to the 1071st Maintenance Company, which left for a 12-month tour of duty in Iraq.

- The 1439th and 1440th Engineer Detachments returned from their respective missions fighting fires for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- Grayling Promotional Association members hung yellow ribbons from utility poles in support of the troops.

- Organizers for the AuSable Adventure Rally Ride began selling commemorative pins for the rally, raising funds for the Michigan National Guard's Family Support Fund, a fund earmarked to give support to families of troops who go through financial or medical hardships while they are deployed.

- Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield followed up on a promise to personally place Neighborhood Watch signs at the entrance of the Sherwood Forest subdivision after residents banded together and formed the crime fighting initiative in their neighborhood.

10th

- Grayling Elementary student Amanda McClellan, returned home after receiving a kidney transplanted from her father, Ron

McClellan, at the C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

- Three groups of snowmobilers traveled through the Grayling area to raise funds for their respective charities. The Wertz Warriors were in Crawford County for their annual fund raising initiative for the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games. The inaugural Fun Run raised \$1,900 for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. The Friends for Miracles, a group of women snowmobile riders, raised money to support Chris Minnick, a Grayling youngster diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma.

- The Grayling Township Planning Commission approved an amendment to the township's zoning ordinance aimed at regulating and controlling adult oriented businesses following the opening of Fantasies Unlimited on M-72 West.

17th

- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources demanded that the Roscommon County Commissioners follow a 1998 Court Order which established winter and summer lake levels at Lake St. Helen to address dramatic fluctuations on the South Branch of the AuSable River.

- Grayling residents donated three bikes and a bike lock to Tony Nguyen, a Buddhist monk who was volunteering at the



1440th Engineer Detachment returns from Iraq (February 3 edition)

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, after two bikes he used to get around town were stolen.

- Mercy Hospital and local health care providers moved forward with plans to establish the AuSable Free Clinic to provide health care to the uninsured.

24th

- Michigan Department of Transportation officials changed original plans to shut down the I-75 Business Loop into Grayling for the entire month in September, 2005 after receiving complaints from business and hotel owners who count on tourism business during the early fall season. The work was

rescheduled for May, 2006.

- Teri and John Lasby of Grayling were victorious in obtaining a guitar autographed by Ted Nugent during the Crawford County United Way's CARE Night Program. The Lasby's bid of \$1,575 was split between Nugent's Kamp for Kids and the Crawford County United

Way and was part of the \$10,000 raised at the event.

- Ninety-seven skiers took part in the Michigan Cup Marathon Cross Country Ski Tournament at Hanson Hills, which was initially slated for January but had to be rescheduled for Feb. 19 due to a lack of snow.

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March



GHS Players present 'Guys and Dolls' (March 24 edition)

3rd

A group of Grayling employers and business officials took a two-hour tour on the Coast Guard ice breaker Biscayne Bay, which is based at the St. Ignace Coast Guard Station, as part of a program between the Michigan Committee for the National Guard and Reserve and the Coast Guard aimed at garnering support for military members who are part of the workforce.

DaimlerChrysler President and Chief Executive Officer Dieter Zetsche presented a \$100,000 check from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund to the Michigan National Guard Family Fund, a non-profit group which assists Guard families who encounter financial

hardships during a military deployment.

The Crawford County Historical Society received a \$2,000 grant from Great Lakes Energy's People Fund in order to make safety and security upgrades at the Crawford County Museum.

10th

The Michigan Audubon Society presented the President's Environmental Stewardship Award to the city of Grayling for the AuSable River Stormwater Retention Project.

The Grayling City Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance and special use permit for a \$2 million addition to St. Mary's Church.

17th

The Anglers of the AuSable and the Sierra Club appealed the U.S. Forest Service's decision to allow Savoy Energy, an oil and gas firm based in Traverse City, to drill an oil well near the Mason Tract.

Construction crews for Pete's Contracting of Falmouth wrapped a \$385,000 project which involved installing a weir to control the height of Grayling's Millpond, removing the AuSable River dam and building a natural fish passage in Grayling's City Park.

Julie Dean started as director of the Crawford County Transportation Authority, taking the place of Dave Frederick, who retired after 21 years as director of the bus operation.

24th

Residents in retirement housing facilities in Grayling, Gaylord and Roscommon began collecting items which were sent in care packages to the troops in the 1071st Maintenance Company after the unit was deployed to Iraq.

Students evacuated the



Julie Dean starts as director of the Crawford County Transportation Authority (March 17 edition)

AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools and spent part of their school day at the Grayling Middle School after a power surge heated up lighting fixtures in several areas of the elementary school building, causing them to smoke.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County applied for a grant through a federal United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program to help build a new animal shelter.

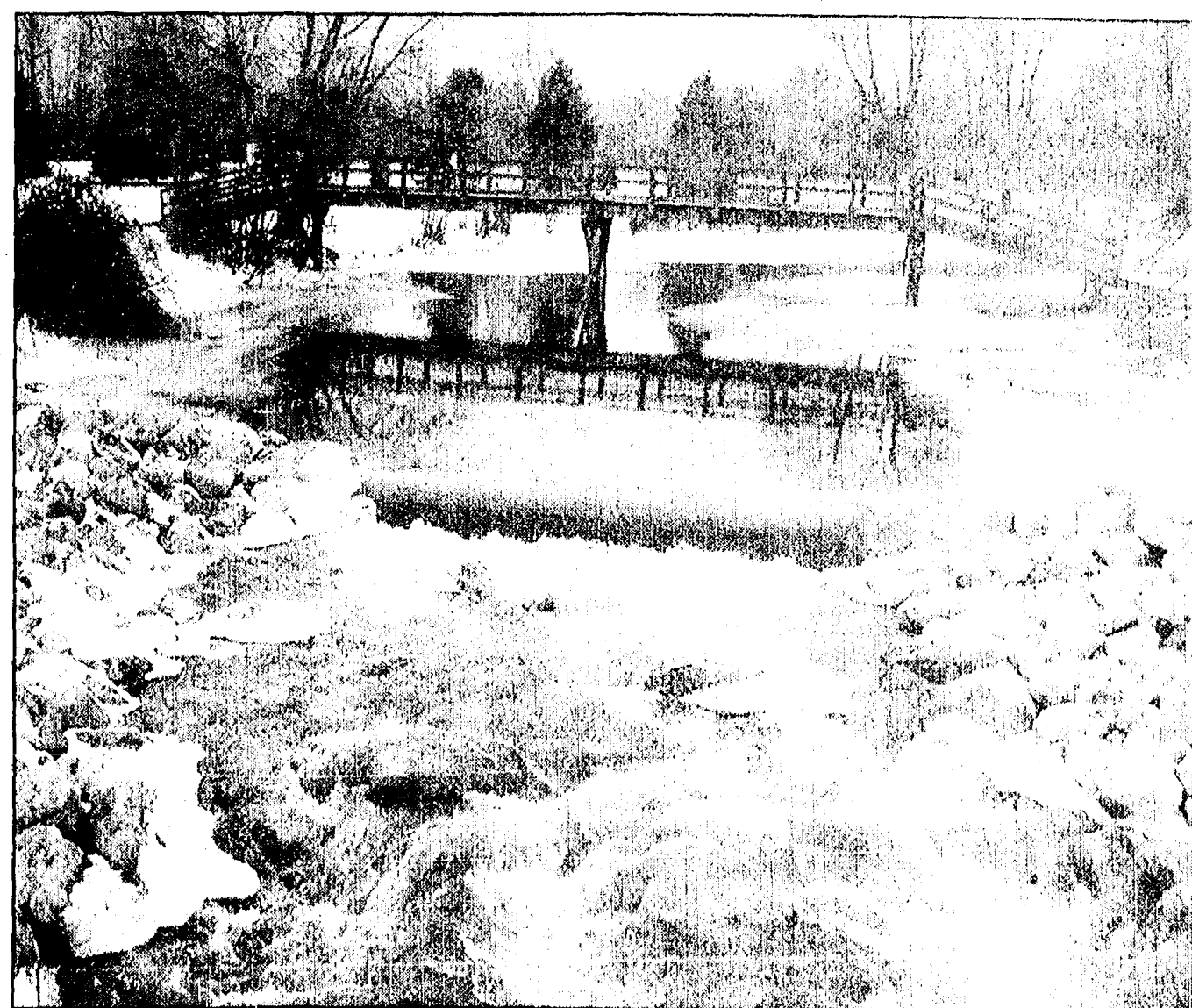
31st

The Grayling Township Board approved an amendment to the township ordinance at their March meeting, adding language to the zoning books meant to restrict and regulate adult businesses.

Hundreds of family and friends gathered at a memorial

service for Bob Smock, Sr., a legendary fly tier, family man and advocate for youth who lived his entire life in Grayling. Smock died on Thursday, March 24 at the age of 78.

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees and Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals held a joint meeting week to discuss zoning and the local oversight of the Natural Rivers Protection Act. The meeting was prompted by a written complaint that builder Jay Stephan filed against zoning board of appeals members, claiming that zoning board members improperly discussed a boat house he rebuilt last November on the former Camp Shoppengon's property, which is owned by Ohio resident Barbara Reed.



Construction project is completed on AuSable Millpond dam (March 17 edition)

April



Buddy Day promotes organ donation (April 14 edition)

7th

• Troops serving on the battlefields in Iraq with links to the Grayling area proudly showed their support for the Michigan State University men's and women's basketball programs while they were on their respective runs in the NCAA championship tournaments. The 1073rd Maintenance Company, which is under the command of Roscommon native Cpt. Jim Jennette, had proudly raised the flag at their base in Iraq at the beginning of the NCAA Tournaments. Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, the assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard, gave a photo of the troops flying the flag to men's basketball coach Tom Izzo and women's coach Joanne P. McCallie.

• The Michigan State Police Forensic Artists Team added age progression drawings of Michigan's Most Wanted fugitives to its website in an effort to increase the likelihood that someone might recognize one of the state's most wanted criminals.

14th

• County officials planned to take a presentation to the public on the potential to relocate county offices and jail.

• Bill Gannon, the owner of Gannon Broadcasting, offered to buy the county property in hopes of developing it along with the former Fred Bear Archery property. Gannon and county officials hope to open up land along the AuSable River to the public and extend Michigan Avenue out to M-72 to spur economic development in the downtown area.

• Bill Smith, Jerry Coger and Terri Lasby were at the Grayling Secretary of State Branch Office on for Buddy Day, an initiative aimed at highlighting the critical

need for organ donations sponsored by the Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank.

21st

• Uniformed sergeants for the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police returned to the road patrols as they split their time between administrative duties at the post and serving as patrol officers. The change was made in an effort to reach out to the public due to less walk-in traffic at the post.

• The Devereaux Memorial Library prepared to hold an open house for the opening of fly fishing season to recognize that the library's George Griffith and Marion Wright Fly Fishing collection has become one of the nation's largest library collections dedicated to the art and science of fly-fishing.

• Wellington Farm Park officials prepared to move the Stittsville Church, an 1880s era church, from Missaukee County's Norwich Township to Crawford County. The 26-mile move was made possible by a \$10,000 challenge grant from the Midland-based Charles J. Strosacker Foundation. Wellington Farm Park officials and volunteers were able to raise \$40,000 in donations and other grants to obtain the funds.

28th

• The Grayling Eagles Club raised \$1,930 for the Eagles Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, which goes to fund cancer research and to support hospice programs. Wendy Fleming had 20 inches of her hair cut off, which was sent to the Locks of Love program. Grayling Eagles President Doug McMurtrie had his mustache shaved. Mac McCluskey, whose wife, Fran is a cancer survivor, had his beard and head shaved.



Wellington Farm Park prepares for the move of the historic Stittsville Church (April 21 edition)

Kevin Fleming and Gene Hawkins had their hair buzzed off for the fund-raiser.

• Students at Grayling High School showcased their talents and skills for the community at the Grayling High School Dinner and Academic Open House. A total of \$400 in donations from a spaghetti dinner was taken in for the "GHS Heartship Fund," a fund which is earmarked to help students and families dealing with financial or medical hardships.



Michigan State Police Forensic Artists Team adds age progression drawings of Michigan's Most Wanted fugitives to its website (April 7 edition)

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Trip #2
Thursday, January 12, 2006
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5rd

Grayling Crime Lab technicians Jennifer Patchin and John Lucey and Oscoda Township Police Officer Mark David were given Awards for Professional Excellence from the Department of Michigan State Police for helping arrest Sandra M. Anderson, a once renowned trainer and handler of cadaver sniffing dogs, who was charged with planting evidence at a crime scene.

Keith Miles and Larry Amprin of Grayling, representing the AuSable Adventure Motorcycle Rally, presented a check for \$6,000 to MG Thomas G. Cutler, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard. The check was the first installment from the fundraiser for the Family Support Fund, a fund earmarked to help families of deployed soldiers who experience medical or financial hardships.

Grayling High School math teacher Barbara Febey was among 19 teachers who were honored during the annual Distinguished Teachers Luncheon held at Northwood University in Midland.

A logging truck snagged a power line on M-72 east of Grayling when the crane on a

semitrailer was raised while going down the road, causing several power poles to break and leaving several hundred people without power.

12th

The American Business Women's Association's first "Taste of Chocolate" event held at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church raised \$540 for the organization's scholarship fund and allowed participants to taste dozens of homemade candies, fudge and brownies and purchase gifts for Mother's Day.

Gaila J. Gilliland started her job as the economic development director for the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, coming to the community from the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, where she served as the director of economic and community development.

James M. Hulbert and Douglas Slater won two seats on the Crawford AuSable School District Board.

Grayling High School was honored as a Coalition of Essential Schools' Affirmed School after completing a three-year school improvement process and recognizing the school staff's significant progress toward their goal of increasing student academic performance.

19th

Former Crawford County Sheriff Arthur F. Clough, who served as sheriff from 1961 to 1972, and Grayling City Police Chief Peter Stephan, who served as a city police officer for 42 years and as chief for 27 years, were honored at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office annual Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony.



American Business Women's Association conducts first "Taste of Chocolate" event (May 12 edition)

Natalie Kent, a 1999 Grayling High School graduate, promoted use of garlic mustard, an invasive plant which grows in the state which is edible, through the Michigan Nature Association, a non-profit organization which operates 160 nature sanctuaries across the state.

26th

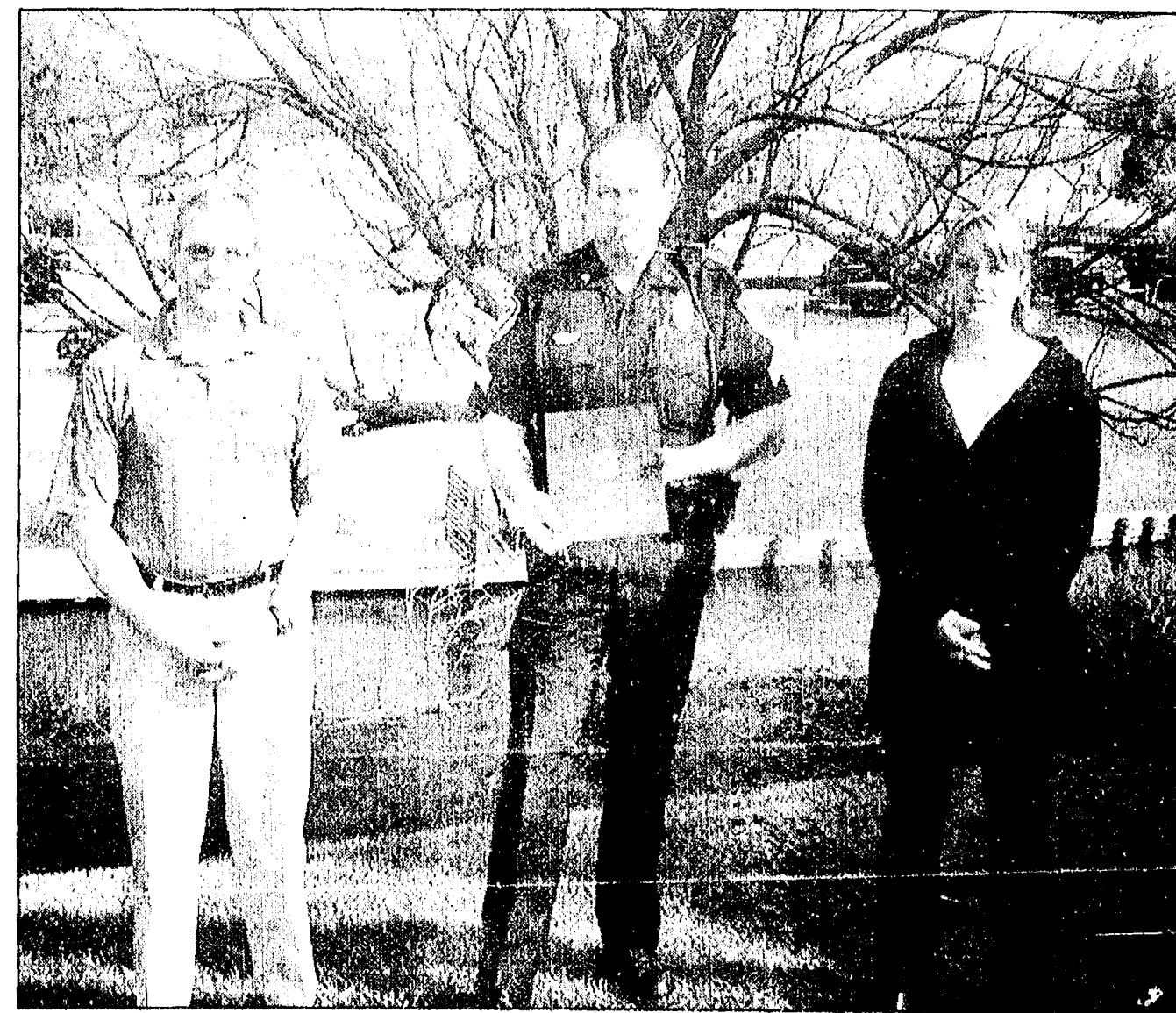
The Rialto Theatre held a 12:01 a.m. premiere of "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" for local Star Wars fans.

Dixie Lobsinger resigned from her director's position at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County after overseeing shelter operations since 1991, when Crawford County ceased operating the animal shelter due to budget woes. Lobsinger vowed to continue to run shot and spay and neutering clinics to continue to

help animals in the county.

The historic Stittsville Church, which first served as a place of worship for an 1880s logging town in Missaukee County, was moved from Norwich Township to the Wellington Farm Park by Hutchinson Davis Movers of Lake City.

Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Kolenda's ruling which said that Crawford and Kalkaska Counties had to fund retirement, health care and pension benefits for 46th Trial Court employees. Following a six day-trial in the summer of 2003, Kolenda ruled that the benefits were necessary and a reasonable costs to fund the unified court, which covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.



Grayling Crime Lab technicians Jennifer Patchin and John Lucey and Oscoda Township Police Officer Mark David receive Awards for Professional Excellence (May 5 edition)

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June



Over 200 bikers take part in the AuSable Adventure Rally (June 23 edition)

2nd

• Crawford AuSable School officials and the Crawford AuSable School District Veteran's Committee unveiled the high school's Military Hall of Honor during a program held on Memorial Day. The district is honoring all graduates who served in combat and non-combat roles in the military.

• Charles Fick, the owner of Charlie's Country Corner and president of Fick & Sons, Inc., announced that the annual Charlie's Country Corner Truck Show would not be held due to a lack of support from community partners as well as other economic concerns.

• Grayling brothers Jim and Marty Kitchen were recognized for 50 years as active members of the Grayling American Legion Post #106. The brothers joined the post in 1955 after tours in the Korean War. Jim served in the Air Force, and Marty was in the Navy.

9th

• Tom and Sharon Latuszek donated a safe to Grayling Township which was built by the Detroit Safe Company for the township in 1875. The safe was obtained by Tom Latuszek's father, John Latuszek, when the Grayling Township and Grayling City offices located on Ottawa Street were torn down in the 1960s.

• At its annual Senior Honors Night program at Grayling High School (GHS), graduates were recognized for their academic accomplishments and for receiving local scholarships. The class of 2005 earned over \$423,000 in scholarships from colleges, \$172,500 from the state of Michigan and \$38,700 in local scholarship funds for a total of \$634,200, the most ever earned by a GHS class.

• Thunderstorms made a swath through an area between Stephan Bridge Road and Wakeley Bridge Road in northeast Crawford County as winds reached as high as 60 miles per hour, causing several large trees and power poles and lines to fall. One inch hail pelted homes and automobiles during the storm.

16th

• The Grayling Township Board hired David Jager, a consultant on energy facility tax assessments, to determine the value of the Grayling Generating Station, which is owned by CMS Energy. Grayling Township and CMS Energy officials have been involved in litigation over the tax appraisals on the plant since 1996. CMS Energy offered to settle the dispute by having the



Sheriff's Office unveils Deputy Casey Crawford, a robotic puppet to assist with children's programs (June 23 edition)

plant valued at \$9.7 million instead of the township's appraisal, which is \$21 million.

• Marines from the 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment conducted their two-week annual training at Camp Grayling. The Marines utilized the Frederic Elementary School and the former Fred Bear Archery Warehouse to simulate urban operations using lessons learned from units that had been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

• One hundred and seventy students from the ninth grade social studies classes from Grayling High School participated in the Adopt A Forest Program, collecting over 40 yards of trash from area state forests.

23th

• Over 200 bikers took part in the AuSable Adventure Rally held at Wellington Farm Park, raising over \$20,000 for the National Guard's Family Support Fund.

• The Crawford County Sheriff's Office unveiled Deputy Casey Crawford, a robotic puppet who joined the department to assist with children's program such as DARE, Junior Deputy, Stranger Danger and other youth programs. The Crawford County Deputies Association, local businesses and organizations raised \$6,000 to bring Casey Crawford to the community.

• Leslie Devereaux Day was held in Crawford County to honor Devereaux for her support of the Crawford County Library System. Devereaux donated over \$500,000 to build the

Devereaux Memorial Library in 2002, ensuring that future generations of Crawford County will have a community library which will provide life long learning for many generations to come. Devereaux wanted to honor her grandfather, William Devereaux, and father, Richard Devereaux, who were avid readers, fly fishermen and sportsmen who started coming to the Grayling area in the 1920s to fish on the South Branch of the AuSable River. The six townships in Crawford County, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and the Grayling City Council all passed resolutions honoring Devereaux's generosity to the community.

30th

• Mercy Hospital Grayling unveiled the hospital's updated surgery department and maternal and newborn wing, which received a \$2.6 million facelift, the first structural changes in those areas of the medial facility since the 1960s.

• The Tommy Stevenson Memorial MDA Charity Golf Outing was held at the Grayling Country Club in honor of Stevenson, who was known for his smile and ability to brighten the lives of others. Stevenson died on December 31, 2004 at the age of 21. He had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a hereditary disease which impacts the body's muscular system.

• Demolition of St. Mary's Church, which was built in the 1950s, took place as the church began undergoing a \$2 million renovation and addition project.



Thunderstorms cause trees and power lines to fall in northeast Crawford County (June 9 edition)

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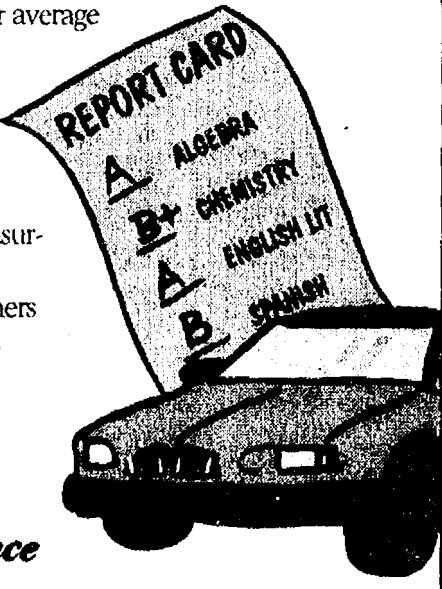
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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP December 12, 2005 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Riley, Summers, Balmes, and Hartman. Absent: Little. There were 10 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield was present to answer questions and give us an update on the Sheriff's Department.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Fire Chief.

There were 4 pieces of correspondence.

7:30 Public Hearing
Weyerhaeuser has requested an

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the construction of a new building. The Public Hearing lets the residents and taxing authorities give their opinion on consideration of the requested IFT.

The township received one written correspondence from the Library supporting the request. No one else in the audience had any comments.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to approve one extra hour per day for the secretary to work on our web site. Ayes: 4, nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Request from Maurers for funding of road paving for phase three of Deerfield Estates. We will discuss next month when we know if the plat is up to date.

3. Discussion regarding changes to our general insurance policy.

New Business:

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Balmes to approve the Resolution Approving Application for Weyerhaeuser Company for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a New Facility

for a period of 12 years. Ayes: 4, nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to honor the request of North Central Survey and return the bond in the amount of \$3,936.00 for staking of Clearwater Subdivision. Ayes: 4, nays: 0. Motion carried.

3. A correction was made to the township employment policy.

4. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to pay the AP bills. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting December 14, 2005

Members Present: Shawn Krayces, Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Neal Michal, Jack Best, Ron Fiebelkorn, Larsons, Larry Winslow.

Supervisor Wright called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:20 p.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Long and seconded by Krayces to approve the minutes of November 9, 2005, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Treasurer's report for November was

distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence: (No action required) Chamber News-12/05, Recycling Report-10/05, Building Dept Report-10/05, FYI Burmeister regarding agreement with state military board, Info regarding Charter vs General Law Townships.

4. A Public Hearing regarding creation of a Special Assessment District to rebuild Ole Dam Road from Turner Trail to Nottingham Drive was held at 6:30 p.m. December 14, 2005. The estimated cost from the Crawford County Road Commission is \$34,000.00. Questions were raised regarding the condition of the bridge, drainage and parking at the bridge, snowmobiles, signage and detours during construction.

Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Krayces, to delay action on and extend the Public Hearing until issues of concern raised at the Public Hearing can be clarified. Property owners north of Turner Trail using Ole Dam Road for access will be notified by mail of new hearing date. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Public Hearings for Renewal of Special Assessment Districts for Private Road Maintenance have been scheduled for February 8, 2006. They are: South Horseshoe Trail: 6:15 p.m., Timber Trail: 6:30 p.m., Turner Trail: 6:45 p.m.

6. Motion by Long, seconded by O'Mara, to authorize Supervisor Wright to apply for 2006 Crawford County Environmental Grants for millfoil eradication and scrap tire clean up. All ayes, motion carried.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, January 16, 2006, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling Town Hall boardroom to consider the following request:

Case # 06-01
Petitioner: Robert R. Schulz
2907 N. Portage Ave.
Grayling, MI 49738
Location: Same
T26N, R4W, Section 15
Property ID# 040-45-300-03-003-00
Lot Size: 75-feet wide by 150-feet deep (11,250 sq. ft.)
Zoning: R-2, General Residential
Request: To construct a 22-foot by 22-foot garage in the rear yard to within five-feet of the south property line. A side-yard variance of five-feet is requested.

Text of zoning requests and zoning maps are available for review at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator, PO Box 521: Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright
Supervisor

Hanson Hills to host two cross country ski races

Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic set for Jan. 14-15

Hanson Hills Recreation Area will host a pair of cross country ski races during the weekend of Jan. 14 and 15 – a Michigan Cup Marathon point race on Saturday and the Hanson Hills Classic on Sunday.

Both races will feature divisions for men, women, and juniors. At Saturday's Michigan Cup Marathon race, the men's division will race a 30k course and women and juniors will compete on a 15k course. The Hanson Hills Classic will feature a 12k course for the men's and women's divisions and a 6k junior division course.



Michigan Cup Marathon cross country ski race at Hanson Hills

The Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic both begin at 10 a.m. Both races will feature awards for the first male and female finishers and medals for the top three males and females in each age division.

The registration cost for the Michigan Cup Marathon event is \$25 postmarked by Jan. 7. Late registration fee is \$30. The cost to sign up for the Hanson Hills Classic is \$20 postmarked by Jan. 7. Late registration cost is

\$25. Late registrations will be accepted from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on race day for both events. Registration forms are available at the Hanson Hills/Grayling Recreation Authority web site at www.hansonhills.org.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League	
Hawk Ridge	8 - 4
Mickey Perez, CPA	8 - 4
Coldwell Banker	8 - 4
Woody Girls	8 - 4
American Legion	5 - 7
Gr. Nursing Center	5 - 7
Glen's Market	3 - 9
Days Inn	3 - 9
High Series: L. Hanson, 508; B. Wheeler, 484; N. Root, 479.	
High Game: L. Hanson, 200; B. Wheeler, 192; M. Starks, 188.	
Senior Bowling	
Flowers By Josie	43.5 - 24.5
Spike's	41 - 27
Kicking Grass	37 - 31
Stitches By Sue	33 - 35
Grayling Pharmacy	31.5 - 36.5

Bear's Den Pizza	31 - 37
Lone Pine	29 - 39
Sylvesters Sports	26 - 42
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 470; H. Stairs, 469; P. Gillies, 444. High Game Women: D. Mead, 168; M. Rysso, 167; H. Stairs, 165. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 570; B. Hollis, 534; K. Harris, 505. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 214; D. Germain, 213; B. Hollis, 206.	
National First	
Upper Lakes	10 - 4
Great Lakes Mort.	10 - 4
Scott Pittman Bld.	9 - 5
Corky's Karaoke	9 - 5
J- Bar	7 - 7

Faustman Insurance	7 - 7
Sawmill	4 - 10
Legion Lanes	0 - 14
High Series: D. Walker, 625; D. Yelivek II, 620; D. Lawe, 612. High Game: D. Yelivek II, 233; P. Benardo Sr., 229; R. Sartin, 224.	
Friday Mixed Doubles	
IMM.	8 - 1
American Legion	8 - 1
New "Kids"	7 - 1
Moshier Auto Repair	5 - 3
Lucky & Laura's	4 - 3
Double Trouble	3 - 4
High Series Men: P. Benardo, 605; D. Wallace, 590; D. Williamson, 589. High Game Men: D. Wallace, 228; D.	

Williamson, 217; P. Benardo, 214. High Series Women: P. Benardo, 547; J. Williamson, 485; S. Johnson, 479; High Game Women: P. Benardo, 205; C. Lewis, 183; S. Johnson, 179.	
American Men's League	
McLeans ACE	7 - 0
Derwich Ind	7 - 0
Canfield's	5 - 2
GADCO	5 - 2
Scheer Motors	2 - 5
Fenton's Auto Serv.	2 - 5
Grayling Chiropractic	0 - 7
Moore's Auto	0 - 7
High Series: Larry Davis, 716; Lance Davis, 690; J. Hunt, 650. High Game: Larry Davis, 290; J. Hunt, 257; Lance Davis, 255.	

7. Motion by Long and seconded by Ashton to adopt Social Security Number Privacy Policy in the format recommended by the Michigan Township Association. All ayes, motion carried. (See Attachment "A")

8. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayces, to attach an addendum to the minutes of June 29, 2005, Special Meeting Item 5A clarifying transfer of excess unallocated fringe benefits from control accounts to departments. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayces, to amend the 2005-06 General Fund Budget to allocate fringe benefit control accounts to various departments. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayces, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 3878, 3891-92, 3919-3958, Board & Comm. Fees \$695.00, Liquor Insp. \$120.00 for a grand total of \$36,414.29. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn, carried. All ayes. (8:15 p.m.)

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

CASE NO. 04-6364-CH
GARY & SANDRA CUSTER,
Husband and Wife
Plaintiff
VS
RICHARD & TRACY AARDEMA
Husband and Wife
Defendants
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: Manda M. Breuker (P67826)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
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AMENDED NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 29th day of September 2005, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the

26th day of January 2006 at 11:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and be more fully described as:

PARCEL 3: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence S88°00'E along the East & West 1/4 line, 2040.3 feet; thence N1°46'E, 662.4 feet to Point of Beginning; thence N1°46'E, 331.2 feet; thence S87°51'E, 333.19 feet; thence S1°32'W along 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N87°54'W, 334.53 feet to Point of Beginning.

Dated: December 22, 2005
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-29-5-12-19

STATE OF MICHIGAN 83rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

CASE NO. 05-2983-GC-1
Court Address 200 W. Michigan Avenue,
Grayling, MI 49738.
Court Tel. 989-348-2841

Plaintiff
FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY
VS
Defendant
JAMES NEELY
4580 E Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659
Plaintiff's attorney
Polce & Szuba, P.L.L.C.
MICHAEL S. SZUBA (P51320)
MATTHEW G. DZIELSKY (P67057)
40500 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 254-1080

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant James Neely, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):
First class mail to:
James Neely 4580 E. Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659
Tacking or firmly affixing to the door:
James Neely 4580 E. Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659
Publication in Crawford County
3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
Date 12-2-05
Judge John G. Hunter

-29-5-12

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lionel Richardson and Marty J. Richardson, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated April 24, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on May 4, 1998, in Liber 452, Page(s) 470, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$90,134.69, together with interest at 6.23 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: LOT 3, JANICE MANOR, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183) Attorneys for Mortgagee 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660

Dated: December 29, 2005

-5-12-19-26

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Miller and Heather Miller, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded July 6, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 158, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 56/100 Dollars (\$60,520.56) including interest at the rate of 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 8, 2006.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

South one-half of East one-half of Lot 6, Block 4, Martha M. Brinks Addition to the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: January 5, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.4065

-5-12-19-26-2

Mortgage Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN

ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: WAYNE C. METZER and KELLY A. METZER, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2002, and recorded on November 7, 2002, in Liber 606, on Page 156, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 14/100 DOLLARS (\$71,480.14), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on February 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13, Pine Grove Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 58, Crawford County Records.

The Redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated December 21, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation

Mortgagee PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, Michigan 48075

-29-5-12-19

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Brian C. Watkins and Julie A. Watkins, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2002 in Liber 583, on Page 436, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 41/100 DOLLARS (\$65,836.41), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock am, on, January 25, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 10.01 Acres of the South 40.04 Acres of East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-003-16-020-00

The Redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated December 15, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Mortgagee PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, Michigan 48075

-22-29-5-12

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage

made by Lawrence R. King and Cynthia M. King Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2005, and recorded on January 24, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 457, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand One And 37/100 Dollars (\$180,001.37), including interest at 8.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, described as Commencing at the Southeast corner of same and running thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West along the South line thereof 766.3 feet to the center of the County Road; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minutes East along the center of said Road 320 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 33 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 106.3 feet; thence South 63 Degrees 18 West 126.6 feet to a stake; thence South 28 Degrees 00 Minutes West 125 feet; thence South 51 Degrees 27 Minutes East 48.7 feet; thence North 67 Degrees 52 Minutes East 42.4 feet; thence South 84 Degrees 30 Minutes East 26.5 feet; thence North 25 Degrees 00 Minutes East 175 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 06 Minutes East 100 feet; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minutes East 25 feet to the Point of Beginning, including all land between the respective river bank traverse and the AuSable River Waters; and ALSO Commencing at the point where the south Bank of the AuSable River intersects the center of the County Bridge over said river located in the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12 for Point of Beginning; thence South 1 Degrees 54 Minutes West along the center of the presently existing County road to the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West along said South line to the South Bank of the AuSable River; thence Northeasterly downstream along said South Bank to the Point of Beginning, including land to the water's edge and all riparian rights thereto; and ALSO Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12, running thence North 1 Degrees 12 Minutes East on the quarter line 295 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West and parallel with the east and west quarter line 762.5 feet to the Point of Beginning in the center of the County Road; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 133 feet; thence South 25 Degrees 00 Minutes West 175 feet; more or less, to the bank of the AuSable River; thence Easterly and downstream along said river bank 210 feet, more or less, to the center of the County Road; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minute East and along the center of the County Road 195 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning; including land to the water's edge and the riparian rights on said AuSable River, together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip 15 feet wide by 133 feet deep adjacent to said tract on the northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 29, 2005

For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077858F01

-29-5-12-19

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Tipton, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2002, and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 574 on Page 122, and assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending Inc., as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty And 09/100 Dollars (\$108,140.09), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the AU Sable, No. 6, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 15, 2005

For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305
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Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
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File #058104F02

-15-22-29-5

Foreclosure

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN NICHOLS AND JAYE NICHOLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1997, and recorded on November 13, 1997, in Liber 441, on page 441, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty six thousand three hundred fifty four and 90/100 Dollars (\$56,354.90), including interest at 12.875% per annum WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on January 25, 2006. Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL 1: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 495 FT N OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R7W, THENCE E 377.2 FT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF M-72 AS NOW SURVEYED, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 487.4 FT TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY 492.5 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W. PARCEL 2: THE N 166 FT ON CHASE BRIDGE ROAD OF THE FOLLOWING: COMMENCING AT A POINT 165 FT N OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W, TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 43.6 FT TO RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG COUNTY ROAD 332 FT; THENCE E 188.6 FT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT 400 FT E OF POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 400 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF THE NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W AND A PART OF THE SE QUARTER OF NE QUARTER OF SECTION 22, T26N, R2W SAID PARCEL IS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL "C" IN A CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY RECORDED WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS AT BOOK 151, PAGE 492. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. DATED: December 22, 2005 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616 ATTORNEY FOR: MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 Assignee of Mortgagee For More Information Call: (248) 540-7701 ASAP# 739506 12/22/2005, 12/29/2005, 01/05/2006, 01/12/2006

-22-29-5-12

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur C. Brandt, a married person and Christine M. Brandt, his wife, signing as to her dower interest, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home

Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2002, and recorded on November 27, 2002 in Liber 609 on Page 435, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine And 31/100 Dollars (\$195,979.31), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit No. 5, Fox Run Estates Condominium, according to the Master Deed Recorded in Liber 364, Pages 337 through 387, Inclusive, Crawford County Records, and designated as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision No. 2, with rights in General Common Elements as set forth in said Master Deed and pursuant to Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended by Act 538 of the Public Acts of 1982 and Act 113 of the Public Acts of 1983, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 15, 2005
For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #075905F01

-15-22-29-5

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Kay E Weiler and Leonard P Weiler, wife and husband as joint tenants

to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2003 and recorded October 10, 2003 in Liber 655 Page 452 and re-recorded December 8, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 884 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Sixty-Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$84,067.40) including interest 8.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM. on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that part of the West one half of the East one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, EXCEPTING that part commencing at the Southwest corner of that part of the West one half of the East one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, thence East 2.5 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence West 2.5 rods, thence South 10 rods to point of beginning.

Commonly known as 1965 E M 72 Hwy, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: DECEMBER 19, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 05-38504
Pub: 12/29/05 - 1/19/06

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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael W. Bendig and Edna F. Bendig, husband and wife, to Ameriquist Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated February 20, 2005 and recorded March 8, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 105, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquist Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse by assignment Dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 670 Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 19/100 Dollars (\$132,416.19) including interest at the rate of 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and the west one-half of Lot 45, Block 15, Sixth addition, Portage Lake Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records; and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 15, Sixth addition to the Portage Lake Park and Lots 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, Block 18, Sixth Addition to the Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: December 22, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquist Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.2580

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Richard D. Shurter and Chrystal S. Shurter, husband and wife, 3100 M-72 East, Grayling, Michigan to U.S.D.A., Rural Development, 3001 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, Michigan, dated May 20, 1994 and recorded on June 14, 1994 in Liber 377, Page(s) 610 in Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$47,785.51.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on February 1st, 2006 10:00A.M. local time, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 6.5 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and described as follows:

The East 1/2 of all that part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying South of M-72, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: December 29, 2005

For further information contact: Rural Development, 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, MI 48661.
Phone: 989-345-5470 ext. 4

Kirk C. Ellsworth (P39700)
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
2920 Blueberry PL
Saginaw, Michigan 48603
(989) 790-0994

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FEATURES

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



This photo was taken in front of the Grayling Country Club on December 26, 1982. Due to the unseasonably warm weather the trio of (L to R) Bob Hickey, Dave Ross Sr., and Irv McIsaac played a round of golf.

23 Years Ago January 6, 1983

The golf course must have been crowded around Christmas as another threesome of Mary Jane Knibbs, Holly Knibbs and Michael Elliott got in some golf. Since cross country skiing was out, Joe and Faith Stripe took their bikes for a ride on Christmas Day.

"From our Corner", by Whitey Madsen. Christmas 1982, the temperature was a balmy 60 degrees in Traverse City, where we spent it. We talked to folks in Nevada and found it was warmer in Traverse City than it was in Nevada.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. and the Grayling City

Police reported a slow, safe New Years Eve. Only one drunk driving charge was reported and no serious accidents were recorded in the city and county.

Whether there is snow or not, the first big adult night party of the year will be held at Hanson Hills. The entire adult community is invited to the park for a wine and cheese party.

Fatal accidents and assaults filled police logbooks turning 1982 into a tragic year for Crawford County.

The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams traveled to Kalkaska. They came back with a sweep, the 7th grade winning 34 - 8 and the 8th grade with a come from behind win, winning 44 -

38. Kirtland Community College ran an ad for their programs and their tuition rates are as follows: \$20 per credit hour for in-district, \$26 per credit hour for out-of-district, and \$32 per credit hour for out-of-state students.

46 Years Ago January 7, 1960

There are some law changes important to fisherman of Crawford County which took effect January 1, 1960. Perhaps the one most are interested in is the opening of designated lakes for the taking of Rainbow Trout during January and February through the ice.

Mrs. Roy Warner picked a bouquet of pansies from her flower garden on Dec. 27, and they had not been covered with straw or anything.

The Black and White Market advertised Pinconning cheese for 49¢ per lb., and 2 dozen eggs for 79¢.

Karl Palmatier, president of the National Field Archers Association (NFAA), met with the Grayling Bowhunters committee and confirmed Grayling as the location for the 1960 NFAA Championship Tournament.

Spike's Keg O'Nails is hosting a cocktail hour from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The annual Christmas program at the Feldhauser school was presented on December 22, under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Arthur Wakeley.

Two plays were presented: The Big Bad Wolf's Christmas and The Moon of Wintertime.

69 Years Ago January 7, 1937

With three places to dance and many watch parties being given, old and young of our town folk waved farewell to 1936 and ushered in 1937. Probably not since the depression have as many people rung out the old and rung in the new with so much enthusiasm.

Considerable consternation aroused first of the week when a report went out that it was the intention of the County Road Commissioners to have the McMaster Bridge abandoned. An investigation was made and the board denied that the matter had ever come up and they had no intentions of abandoning the bridge. Without the bridge, people residing in that district would have to drive 24 miles to reach the opposite bank of the river.

Items from Nick's Pure Food Store, peanuts in a shell, 2 lbs. for 25¢ and kerosene, one gallon for 12¢.

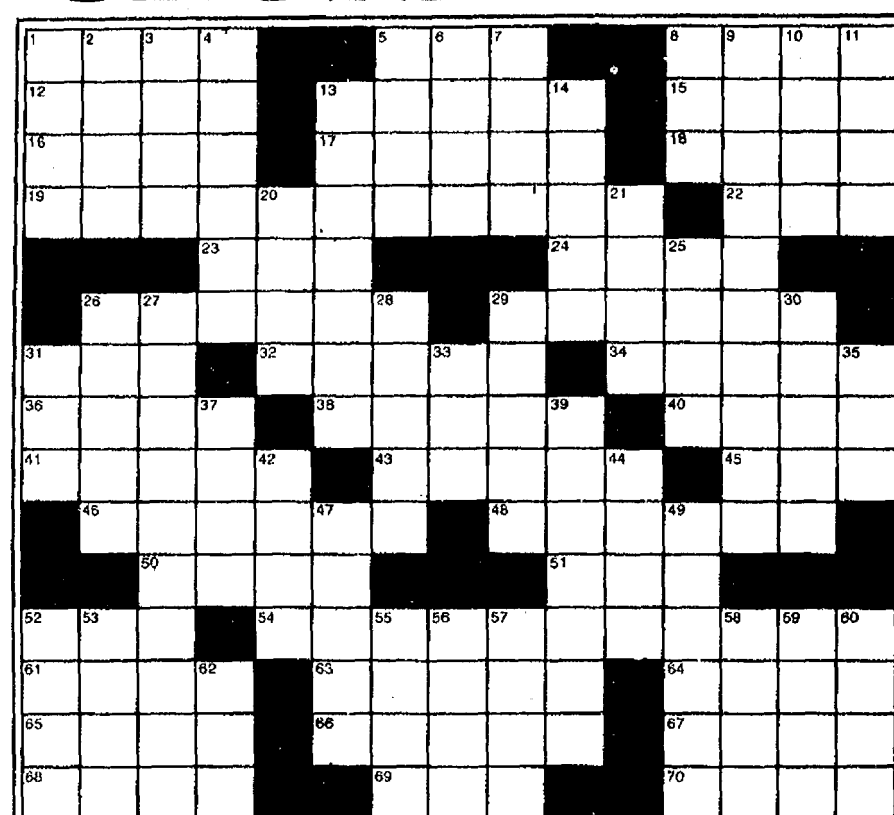
92 Years Ago January 8, 1914

A.E. Hendrickson has moved his tailor shop from the rooms over Collen's restaurant into the store recently occupied by Mrs. F.E. Gregory as a millinery shop.

R.W. Brink left for Gaylord, where he is scaling lumber at one of Salling Hanson's Company's camps near there.

Miss Anna Brown is the new clerk at the Model Bakery.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Influenzas.
 5. Ruddy.
 8. Engage in.
 12. Prescribed course for ships.
 13. Chef. Batail.
 15. Egg-shaped figure.
 16. Variant of "Ayda."
 17. Something that reveals.
 18. Small areas of a room set back into a wall.
 19. Announces officially.
 22. Mauna, volcano in Hawaii.
 23. Tropical American bird with black plumage and a long tail.
 24. Young Men's Christian Association.
 26. Heart of, 1916 film starring Myrtle Gonzalez.
 29. Past participle of "learn."
 31. TV show starring Billy Ray Cyrus.
 32. Love of fine objects of art.
 34. Corn salad.
 36. Place in a criminal court where a prisoner stands during the trial.
 38. Tall, tropical palms of southeastern Asia that have egg-shaped nuts.
 40. English political party.
 41. Positions something to make it balanced.
 43. Imbecile.
 45. Electrocardiogram.
 46. Small branches of a plant with leaves in them.
 48. Having a woven pattern.
 50. Initial contribution a player makes to the pot in poker.
 51. Tear apart.
 52. Acronym for Over the Top.
 54. Not at all suited to the circumstances.
 61. Acronym for Acid Rain Information Clearinghouse.
 63. Break or tear apart.
 64. Laine, British singer.
 65. Representation of the cross on which Jesus died.
 66. Made pain or sorrow easier to bear.
 67. Turing, British mathematician and computer scientist.
 68. Make synchronous and adjust in time.
 69. Japanese monetary unit.
 70. Scandinavian form of "Laurence."
- Down
1. Movable piece of tissue partly connected to the body.
 2. Den.
 3. Cause the ruin of.
 4. Village in Ohio.
 5. Past tense of "ring."
 6. Unincorporated community in Utah.
 7. Legislative assembly in Germany.
 8. Rabble.
 9. Sudden, great or irresistible influxes of anything.
 10. Knock unconscious.
 11. Benitez, model.
 13. Civilians trained as soldiers but not part of the regular army.
 14. Oval or round dormer window.
 20. Short for university.
 21. Acronym for Servizio Meteorologico Dell'aeronautica Militare.
 25. Stomach of a lower animal.
 26. People of little refinement.
 27. Act of possessing a place.
 28. Tapestry covering a wall.
 29. Presenting a clear view.
 30. Relatively dense in consistency.
 31. Acronym for Direct Drive Turntable.
 33. Acronym for Total Efficiency Network.
 35. Encourage to act.
 37. John W., Democratic VP candidate on William Jennings Bryan's third run for the presidency.
 39. Aroused to vigilance.
 42. In the original place.
 44. Nolde, German Expressionist painter.
 47. General term describing the standard category and overall character of a work.
 49. At the summit.
 52. Implements used to steer a boat.
 53. Bayliss, superbike racer.
 55. Salty waters.
 56. Lessen the intensity of.
 57. Free from irregularities.
 58. Blame Duo, based in Milwaukee, WI.
 59. Scorch.
 60. Large amounts.
 62. Federal health agency in Atlanta.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Open-Faced Spinach Omelet Sandwich

- Cooking spray
4 cups fresh whole baby spinach leaves or 6 oz. chopped large spinach leaves
1 tablespoon water
4 eggs
- 1/2 cup low-fat (1%) cottage cheese
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, crushed
1 (8- to 9-inch) plain, tomato or herb-seasoned focaccia bread, split crosswise (about 5 oz.)
4 tomato slices

Evenly coat 10-inch omelet pan or skillet with spray. Add spinach and water. Cover. Cook over medium heat until spinach is wilted, about 1 minute. Pour out liquid, if necessary. In medium bowl, beat together eggs, cheese and seasoning until blended. Pour over spinach mixture. Gently stir to evenly distribute mixture in pan. Cover. Cook over medium heat until egg mixture is almost set, about 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Let stand, covered, until egg mixture is completely set, about 2 to 3 minutes. With pancake turner or spatula, slide frittata from pan onto bottom half of bread. Top with tomato slices and top half of bread. To serve, cut into wedges.

Makes 4 Servings

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Gizmo

is a soft, cuddly Ragamuffin with the tiniest meow, just about 1 year old.

Stanley

is a 1 year-old playful husky/cattle-dog mix who gets along with other dogs.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

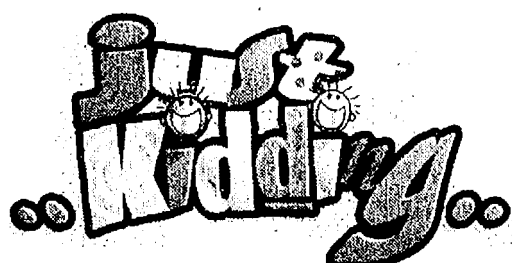
Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
12/28	31	29	0
12/29	33	29	0
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12/31	30	24	3
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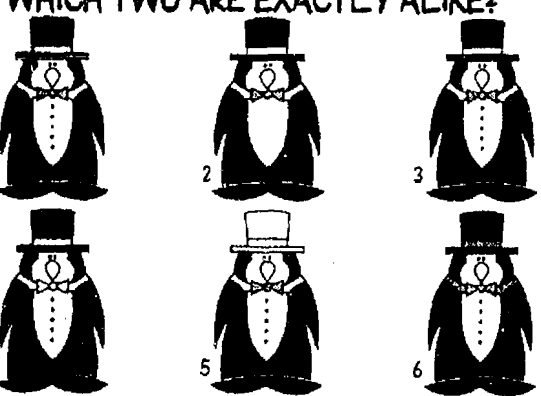
Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 31 Low 17	High 23 Low 17	High 25 Low 23	High 30 Low 24	High 30 Low 23	High 32 Low 23
Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Shower	Snow Shower



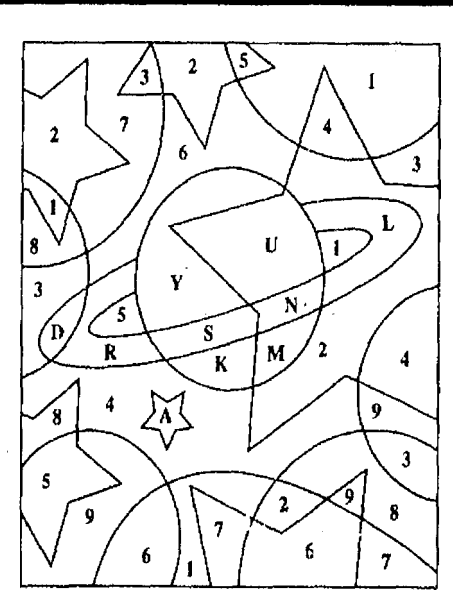
FIND THE TWINS



DID YOU KNOW ??

The king of hearts, on playing cards, is the only king without a moustache.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 5, 2006



December 22-January 19

A new year has begun, Capricorn. Clean out the closets and make room for a fresh look. A cozy night by the fire tops off the weekend.



March 21-April 19

You've been caught in the coattails of a coworker for far too long. Move out into the forefront and strut your stuff. You won't regret it.



June 22-July 22

Woohoo, Cancer! You start the year off with a bang and make out like a bandit at an upcoming event. A buddy's financial difficulties compound — be there for them.



September 23-October 22

All eyes are on you at the office. Make the most of the opportunity. A relative is searching for the solution to a problem and you have the key.



January 20-February 18

This is the week to turn your life around, Aquarius. Don't blow it. Get the help you need and resolve once and for all to get out of trouble and stay out of trouble.



April 20-May 20

The holidays are officially over. Time to get your finances back on track. Cut back on spending, make a budget and stick to it. An acquaintance receives good news.



July 23-August 22

Your obsession with home improvement is about to bring you big rewards. Not only will you be the envy of the neighborhood, but you may even win a prize.



October 23-November 21

What appears to be a mission impossible falls into your lap. Don't be fooled. The task is doable and you have the means to get it done. Proceed with caution and the glory will be yours.



February 19-March 20

This is the week you will make things happen, Pisces. Dreams will come true and problems will be resolved. Share your good fortune with others or risk losing it all.



May 21-June 21

Oh, Gemini. You don't think you can take it another day, but guess what, you can and you will. It takes time to work through life's problems and you just need to be patient.



August 23-September 22

You're overcome with emotion as things start to unravel at home. Take a break from the action and pull yourself together. Your boss is watching!



November 22-December 21

A change in venue brings out your romantic side, Sagittarius. Grab a bottle of bubbly and celebrate the dawn of a new year with that special someone. A computer glitch taints the weekend.

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

CITY LOT on the AuSable, \$43,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

CRAWFORD COUNTY UNITED WAY is seeking donations of buildable land for future fund raiser. Contact Linda Williams at 989-348-9300. (11/24/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

NORTH OF GRAYLING new log home. 3 bedroom/2 bath, wooded lot, very well built. 2005. Must see. Call Robert, (517) 706-2509. (-5-12/1)

TRIPLEX IN TOWN on the AuSable, \$120,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE Real Estate Auction. By court, bank or seller order. Sells: 8:30 am Tue., Jan. 17 on site. Opening bid: \$1,000. 604 Spruce, Grayling. 2BR 1.0BA 975sf+ single-family. Inspections 1-4 pm Sun. before sale day and 2 hrs before sale time. Visit williamsauction.com or call 800-801-8003. (-29-5-12/1)

RECENTLY FORECLOSED 2 bedroom home at 580 Arbutus Court, Arbutus Beach, Gaylord, near Otsego Lake. \$19,900, \$1,000 down, 11% interest, 11.712% APR, 15 year payments of \$215 per month. Drive by then call Mr. Shepherd 517-336-7626. No call before driving by. Equal Housing Lender. (-5-12/1)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

LAKEFRONT HOME FOR SALE

4 bedroom, 2 bath, garage and guesthouse with 100 feet of lake frontage on beautiful Lake Margarethe, 3222 Portage Ave., \$550,000. Call toll-free 866-245-8977 for more information. (-5-12-19-26)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-5-12/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03tf/2)

ROOMY 1 BEDROOM upper apartment, in good neighborhood. Includes gas, electric, water, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and digital cable. Carpeted throughout. No children, no smoking, no pets. \$580 per month plus deposit. References required. Phone: 348-8993. (-5-12/2)

2 BEDROOMS/1 BATH small house in nice area. HUD approved, water provided, non-smoking, no pets. 989-710-6048 or 989-348-6801. (12/22/05tf/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME on 2 acres near Skyline Ski. Privacy yard with deck. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, dishwasher. No pets. \$510 month plus security deposit. Credit check and references required. 989-915-1182. (LR1/26/06/2).

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent on AuSable in town. \$400 a month plus utilities. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM HOME with 2-car garage, lots of outdoor space, washer, dryer, dishwasher. Available now. Call 231-597-9673 or call 989-390-1482. (-22-29-5/20)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395/month. 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (09/08/05tf/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income

Maximum Ceiling Rents

1 Bedroom.....\$400
Rent Includes Utilities

308 Lawndale Drive
989-348-9314

1. Real Estate

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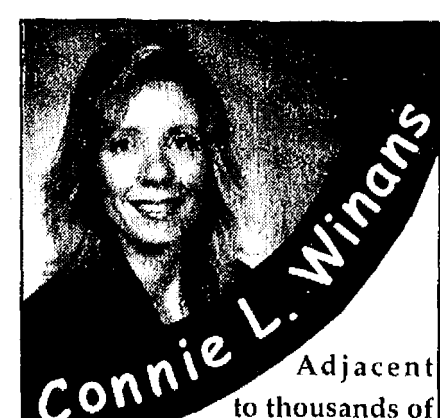


Lori Ellis

501 North James Street.
Grayling, MI 49738
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866-948-7500 (Toll Free)
989-348-7575 (Fax)



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Connie L. Winans

Adjacent to thousands of acres of State land, this 1,458 sq. ft. Salt Box home with full finished basement, has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large covered porch, 30x24 garage plus old fashioned barn situated on 2.84 acres. #5581 \$115,900



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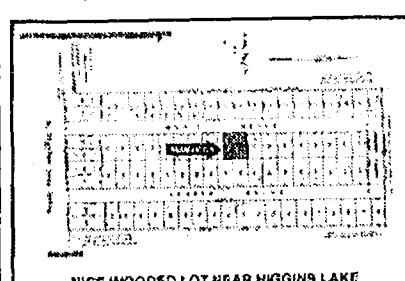


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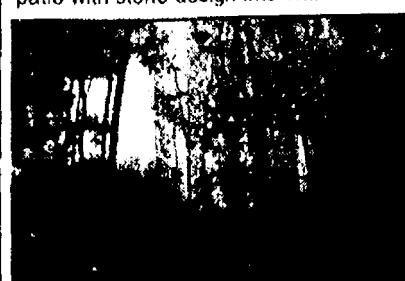
DESIGNED WITH DISTINCTION. This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has many features. Kitchen offers hickory cabinets, 2 Lazy Susans and pantry. Top of the line appliances and Neptune washer and dryer to stay. Large laundry room with folding counter. Dining room offers wet bar and snack bar. Living room offers a gas fireplace and large family room. Large breezeway off garage with 1/2 bath. CS-2216 \$169,900



NICE WOODED LOT NEAR HIGGINS LAKE
WOODED, OVERSIZED LOT in quiet subdivision. Close to North Higgins Lake State Park. Lot 90x132. Nice hardwoods. Great building site. CS-1179 \$9,000



50 FEET FROM RIVER'S EDGE WITH PRIVATE SETTING! 165' on the east branch of the AuSable River. Cozy log sided cottage sits 50' from the river's edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Tongue and groove wood interior. Cedar siding on the exterior, needs some finishing touches including floor covering. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Kitchen offers new oak cabinets with Lazy Susan. New vinyl windows and 3 vinyl patio doors onto full length deck overlooking the river. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-2254 \$105,500



BEAUTIFUL HARDWOOD LOTS FOR SALE. Several Building Sites to choose from in Bradford Lake Hills. Close to Snowmobile Trails and State Land. Call for a complete list. Priced from \$3,500 to \$4,500.

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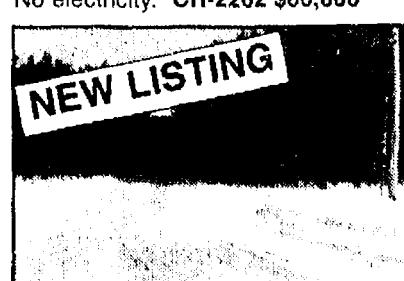
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NEW LISTING
22.2 ACRES FRONTING PASSENGER ROAD. Beautiful acreage between Waters and Otsego Lake. 402' fronting black-top county road. Front half open meadow. Back half rolling hardwoods. \$66,000 CH-2265



NEW LISTING
20 ACRES BOARDING STATE LAND. Close access to Hartwick Pines State Park and recreation area. No oil, gas, or mineral rights. Rolling terrain with Pine, Aspen and Hardwoods. Two track via state land. No electricity. CH-2262 \$60,000



NEW LISTING
80 ACRES - 1/2 MILE ROAD FRONTAGE. Two (2) Forty Acres parcels (parent parcels). Mostly matured Red Pines and Aspen. Groomed snowmobile trails through property. Beautiful rolling terrain. Blacktop access road. \$168,000 CH-2267



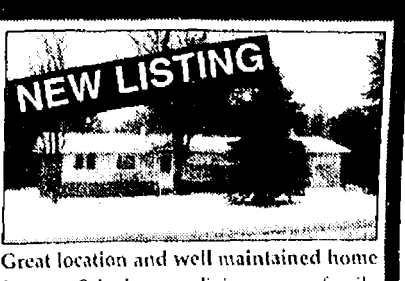
NEW LISTING
"OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME" ENTIRE SECTION OF LAND, 640 ACRES. One mile of frontage on black-top. One mile fronting Mackinaw State Forest. Rolling terrain, electric, and across the street from Wilderness Valley/Black Forest Golf Resort. \$1,280,000 CH-2264

Century 21 RIVER COUNTRY

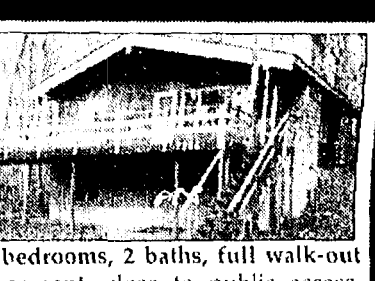
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NEW LISTING
Two adorable homes on one parcel, only steps away from Higgins Lake. Have your mortgage paid for you by living in the front home and renting the back. Past rents were at \$950 and \$650 per week, or \$200 by the night. #5615 \$149,000



NEW LISTING
Great location and well maintained home features 3 bedrooms, living room, family room with fireplace, and then in the full basement there is a den, game room/bar area and utility room. Attached 2 car garage and a large fenced yard. #5617 \$115,000



3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full walk-out basement, close to public access, with a view of tranquil K.P. Lake and a garage for the toys. A peaceful setting...summer, winter, spring or fall. #5605 \$99,900



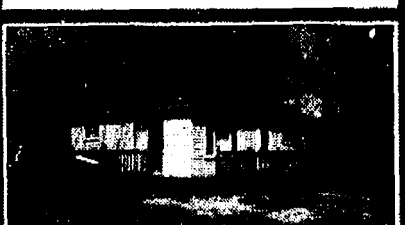
An excellent four season recreational setting. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with an attached, heated garage on 3.33 acres with 203' of frontage on the upper AuSable and a short ride to the snowmobile trails. #5606 \$134,900



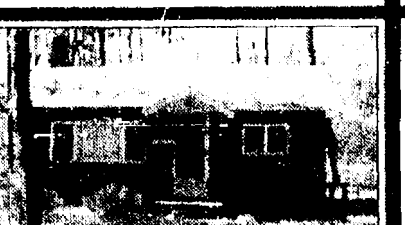
This is a very well maintained property, clean and neat. It can be a 2 bedroom with a den or a 3 bedroom and no den. The owner will have very little to do to make this property their home. #5607 \$127,500



Fantastic location with updates galore! Spotless 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with split stone fireplace. Attached 2-car garage, large fenced back yard with deck, sunroom and more! #5608 \$123,500



40 feet on Houghton Lake Canal. This 2 bedroom cabin has a 1 car garage for storing your toys. New updates on home include: siding, windows, paint, and carpet. Corner lot right across from a Marina. #5503 \$69,500



This Cozy cabin has a path to the bath, comes partially furnished, and is on 2.7 acres. Recent updates include: newer electrical service and new kitchen cabinets. Close to the AuSable River and Wakeley Lake recreational activities. #5580 \$32,000



COMMERCIAL
Restaurant Entrepreneurs start your own business with all the tools you need. Includes a Class C Liquor License with no boundaries in the State of Michigan. Seller is selling everything in this restaurant from the log walks to the kitchen sink! No real estate included. #5599 \$200,000

A rare find! Enjoy acres of mixed hardwoods with a 400' frontage on K.P. Lake. Hunt on this Rolling, Sloping terrain and enjoy. East property line adjoins hundreds of acres of state land. \$360,000 #5583

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100% wooded 10-10-acre parcel perfect for hunting on with a rolling terrain and plenty of room to roam. Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere. \$36,000 #5570



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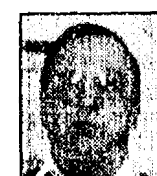
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2. For Rent

OLDER 2 BEDROOM HOUSE near north end of Higgins Lake, C/A schools. Will consider pet. \$474 per month. References plus security deposit. 989-275-4126. (-29-5-12/2)

OLDER HOUSE 5 miles south of Grayling in country. References plus security deposit. \$500 per month. 989-275-4126. (-29-5-12/2)

KITCHENETTE FOR RENT No deposit and includes all utilities, cable TV, stove, refrigerator. Weekly or monthly. Western Trails Motel, (989) 348-7681. (LR1/26/06/2)

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH attached garage, large yard with Manistee River access. \$900 per month plus utilities, security. Call for an application. 989-348-2288 or 989-390-2453. (LR1/26/06/2)

FOR RENT One bedroom apartment located in town. \$425 per month, utilities included. Call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-5-12sgf/2)

3. Employment

RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT Local quick service restaurant seeking experienced shift leaders. Positions available in both Gaylord and Grayling locations. Wage commensurate with experience. Please apply at the Gaylord location. Phone 731-4700 for an appointment. (-5-12/3)

LARGEST COURIER IN MIDWEST in need of substitute drivers with a 20 foot box truck, and substitute drivers with an extended cargo van, and also substitute drivers with a car. Please call 1-989-344-0499 for inquiries. (-22-29-5/3)

LEELIN HOME HEALTH CARE, INC. is accepting applications for home health aids for Grayling and surrounding areas. We offer competitive wages and benefit packages for both part and full-time positions. If interested in being a part of our rewarding team, please contact us at our corporate office, 1-800-274-0100, Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm to schedule an interview. EOE. (-5-12/3)

3. Employment

HILLTOP MANOR Health Care Center is seeking a full-time Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant. An Associates Degree is required. Excellent wages and benefit package. Please contact Jamee Eanes at 989-275-8936. Hilltop Manor is an equal opportunity employer. (-5-12-19/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: December 20, 2005. Position: High School Varsity Boy's Baseball Coach. Qualifications: Baseball background in playing baseball and/or active coaching experience. Additional information available at 403 E. Michigan Avenue. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent. Crawford AuSable Schools, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., January 9, 2006. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-22-5/3)

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. For CDL training with CDI, 800-882-7364. (-5-19/3)

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for experienced truck drivers with valid CDL's and clean driving record's, heavy equipment operators, septic pump truck operators and red-mix truck operators. Jack Millikin Inc., 4680 North Down River Rd., Grayling. 989-348-8411. (LR1/12/06/3)

AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

4. Services Offered

ART'S HANDYMAN SERVICE snow plowing, roof shoveling. Reasonable. 989-344-2036. 989-710-0195. (-5/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING quilter. Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (LR02/02/06/4)

DRIVER'S EDUCATION and Road Student Testing. Segment 1 begins Jan. 9 and March 1. Segment 2 begins Feb. 6 and March 7. Call 989-348-8838 for registration materials. Lowest rates in Crawford County. (LR1/05/05/4)

CAR DETAILING: Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle, inside & out! 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/4)

SNOW PLOWING Commercial and residential. Roof shoveling, sidewalks and patios. Call Rob at home, (989) 344-0639. Cell phone, (989) 370-7225. (LR1/26/05/4)

SNOW PLOWING roof snow and ice removal. Firewood, dry oak, \$60/cord. Hauling to land fill. Truck with rack, anything else. Grayling and Gaylord area. 989-348-7046. (LR1/19/06/4)

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/4)

4. Services Offered

WORK WANTED-HANDY-MAN All projects, big or small. Call Gary. 348-8169. (LR1/05/06/4)

ALWAYS LOW PRICE snow plowing. Call 989-344-2134. Cell 989-390-9129. (LR03/30/06/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. 989-344-2444. (LR01/26/06/4)

KATZ CLEANING SERVICE running New Years special. 10% off all new customers for month of January. Quality service for all your cleaning needs. Insurance and references. 989-821-5259. (-5-12/4)

HOUSECLEANING SERVICES OFFERED contact Jessica. 989-348-3352, 810-275-2169. (-5-12/4)

5. For Sale

1996 POLARIS XLT TOURING 2,800 miles, good condition, \$1,500 or best. 344-8032. (-5-12/5)

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

FIREWOOD \$50 a face cord. Call 989-344-2036. (-5/5)

CAR AUDIO CLEARANCE SALE Must sell, stereos, amps, speakers. Several models. Call 344-0986 for more information. Install done by Master Mechanic. (-5-12/5)

QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful, must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

5. For Sale

BAGELS, MUFFINS and your favorite coffee drink. Bloomin Grape Deli. 989-344-2221 (in Ace Hardware Complex). (9/20/05tf/5)

FOR SALE, GAS DRYER some baby items and other household items. 989-350-1877. (-5/5)

SNOW BLOWER YARD MACHINE 21 in., 5.5 MP, electric start, used once. Brand new 11-29-05. \$300/firm. Call 348-1875. (-5/5)

1998 POLARIS XLT INDY Limited, great condition. Asking \$2,200/OBO. 989-348-5570. (-29-5sgf/5)

2000 ARCTIC CAT snowmobile Z1 500, liquid cooled, all stock with cover and spare belt. \$2,000 firm. Like new, 1,700 miles, w/wo utility trailer. 348-2099. (-5-12/5)

4 TIRES 31x15, \$80, all four. Table saw, Craftsman, \$35. 344-2036, leave message. (-5/5)

ANTIQUE ARMOIRE was \$475, will sacrifice for \$250. 348-2428. (-5-12sgf/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)


8. Announcements

SALE at Fabrics and More. 20% off on selected flannels and fleece. Openings are still available for knitting and basic sewing classes. Call or stop in for more information. 344-0986, across from Rochettes IGA. (-5-12/8)

YOGA AND T'AI CHI classes, Thursdays at CRAF Center in Roscommon, starting Jan. 12. 5:15 - 6:15, T'ai Chi I. 6:15 - 7:15, T'ai Chi II. 7:30 - 9, Yoga. \$45 each 6 week session. Call Kaye to register. 989-348-1722. (-5-12/8)


8. Announcements

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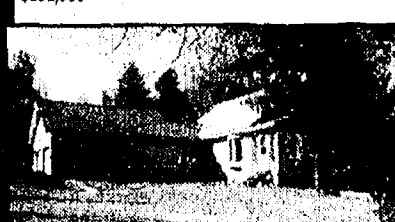
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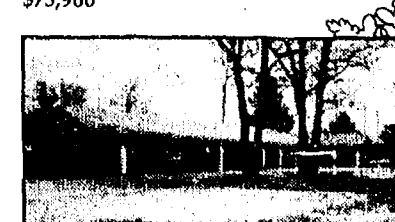
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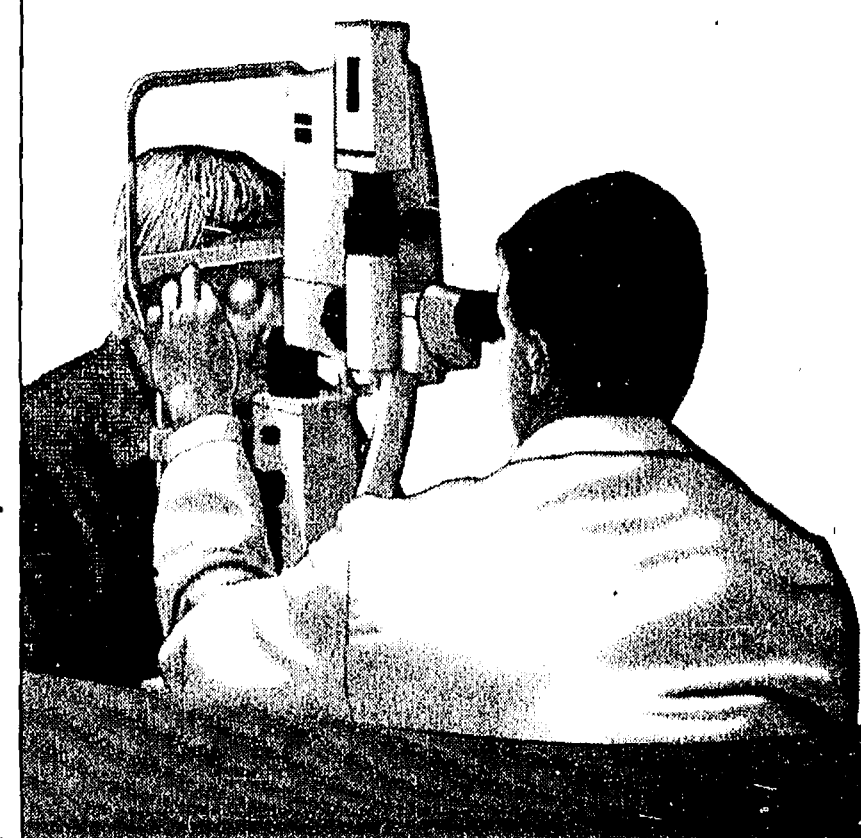
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